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CFA Foodbytes - February 2025

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## February 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friend of the Connecticut Food Association,

On Wednesday, Governor Lamont presented his annual budget to the General Assembly. The budget focused on his priorities such as childcare, housing, and fiscal guardrails to ensure the state's long-term financial stability.

With over 1,000 bills introduced in just under three weeks, the General Assembly is busy, and CFA is tracking more than 60 pieces of legislation that impact our industry. Be sure to check out some of the key bills we're following in this month's Capitol Checkout.

Also, if you haven't done so, please **register for our Annual Meeting on March 25th at the Farmington Polo Grounds**. You can register via the link [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

From,  
Your friends at CFA



**SAVE THE DATE**  
CONNECTICUT FOOD ASSOCIATION'S  
*Annual Meeting*  
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025  
FARMINGTON POLO CLUB  
5:00PM Registration & Cocktail Hour  
6:00PM Annual Meeting & Dinner

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## What's Trending



[Governor Lamont releases 2025 budget](#)

[Bill aims to simplify digital coupon use at grocery stores](#)

[Bird flu outbreaks drive egg prices up even higher in Connecticut and nationwide](#)

[Grocery prices predicted to increase for 2025, potential tariff impact looms](#)

[Groceries not strong indicator of consumer stress, spending: Kearney](#)



## Capitol Checkout



[Credit Card Swipe Fees- HB6469](#)

[Requires Grocery Stores to automatically apply digital coupons- SB513](#)

[Prohibit commercial activities involving food products that contain certain food additives - SB968](#)

[Pharmacy Benefit Manager \(PBM\) Reform - SB758](#)

[Enforcement of Cross Border Bottle Redemption Fraud - SB1115](#)

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