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Committee Bill No. 624

LCO No. 4087



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT TOURISM COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-397c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) There is established within the Department of Economic and
5 Community Development, for administrative purposes only, a
6 Connecticut Tourism Council. The council shall consist of (1) the
7 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the
8 commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Transportation, or
9 the commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Energy and
10 Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee, (4) [twelve]
11 thirteen members appointed by the Governor, (A) one of whom shall
12 represent the lodging industry, (B) one of whom shall represent a
13 chamber of commerce, (C) one of whom shall represent a tourist
14 attraction, (D) one of whom shall represent the arts, (E) one of whom
15 shall represent a culturally diverse event or attraction, (F) one of whom
16 shall represent the heritage tourism industry, (G) one of whom shall

17 represent the airline industry, (H) one of whom shall represent the
18 Connecticut Airport Authority, (I) one of whom shall represent a
19 convention center and sports arena trade organization, (J) one of whom
20 shall represent a charter bus trade organization, [and] (K) two of whom
21 shall represent casino gaming facilities, and (L) one of whom shall
22 represent the Connecticut Tourism Coalition, (5) fourteen members
23 appointed as follows: (A) Three by the president pro tempore of the
24 Senate, one of whom shall represent the agritourism industry, one of
25 whom shall represent the convention center and coliseum industry and
26 one of whom shall represent the eastern regional tourism district
27 established pursuant to section 10-397, (B) two by the majority leader of
28 the Senate, one of whom shall represent the events industry and one of
29 whom shall represent the western regional tourism district established
30 pursuant to section 10-397, (C) two by the minority leader of the Senate,
31 one of whom shall represent the marine trades industry and one of
32 whom shall represent the outdoor recreation industry, (D) three by the
33 speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall represent
34 the destination shopping industry, one of whom shall represent the
35 restaurant industry and one of whom shall represent the central
36 regional tourism district established pursuant to section 10-397, (E) two
37 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom
38 shall represent the attractions industry and one of whom shall represent
39 the lodging industry, and (F) two by the minority leader of the House of
40 Representatives, one of whom shall represent the museum industry and
41 one of whom shall represent the tour and travel industry. All members
42 appointed by the Governor shall serve a term of four years. The terms
43 of all members appointed by members of the General Assembly shall be
44 coterminous with the terms of such members of the General Assembly.
45 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
46 serve as chairperson of the council.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-397c(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To require that a representative of the Connecticut Tourism Coalition be a member of the Connecticut Tourism Council.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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