



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 3792

Offered by:
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 423

File No. 245

Cal. No. 212

***"An Act Establishing An Advisory Commission On
Multicultural Health."***

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(NEW) (a) There is established an Advisory Commission on
4 Multicultural Health. The mission of the advisory commission shall be
5 the elimination of disparities in health status among the state's cultural
6 and ethnic communities and the overall improvement of the health of
7 state residents. The advisory commission shall consist of twenty-one
8 members, appointed as follows:

9 (1) Two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the
10 Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Black and Puerto Rican
11 Caucus of the General Assembly and one of whom shall be a
12 representative of LULAC;

13 (2) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of
14 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the National
15 Association for the Advancement of Colored People and one of whom

16 shall be a representative of the Statewide Multicultural Health Steering
17 Committee;

18 (3) One member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate,
19 who shall be a faculty member of The University of Connecticut School
20 of Medicine;

21 (4) One member appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a federally-
23 recognized Native American tribe;

24 (5) One member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
25 who shall be a representative of the Indian Affairs Council;

26 (6) One member appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be a representative of an advocacy group
28 for the Asian-American community;

29 (7) One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be a
30 representative of the board of directors of Aspira of Connecticut;

31 (8) The chairperson of the Connecticut African-American Affairs
32 Commission;

33 (9) The chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs
34 Commission;

35 (10) The chairperson of the Statewide Multicultural Health Steering
36 Committee;

37 (11) The executive director of the Permanent Commission on the
38 Status of Women; and

39 (12) Eight members of the public, representing diverse multicultural
40 and multiethnic backgrounds, two of whom shall be appointed by the
41 president pro tempore of the Senate, two of whom shall be appointed
42 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
43 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be

44 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one
45 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and
46 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
47 Representatives.

48 (b) All initial appointments to the advisory commission shall be
49 made not later than November 1, 2000. The term of each appointed
50 member of the advisory commission shall be coterminous with the
51 term of the appointing authority or until a successor is chosen,
52 whichever is later. During the period commencing on the date that all
53 initial appointments to the advisory commission are made and ending
54 on October 31, 2001, the chairperson of the Statewide Multicultural
55 Health Steering Committee shall serve as chairperson of the advisory
56 commission. On and after November 1, 2001, the members of the
57 advisory commission shall annually elect a chairperson by majority
58 vote.

59 (c) The advisory commission shall: (1) Advise the Commissioner of
60 Public Health and the director of the Office of Multicultural Health
61 within the Department of Public Health concerning the preparation
62 and implementation of reports and strategic plans and the
63 coordination of issues and policies related to the functions of the Office
64 of Multicultural Health under section 19a-4j of the general statutes; (2)
65 develop a multicultural health promotion plan in conjunction with the
66 Commissioner of Public Health and monitor the implementation of
67 such plan; and (3) make recommendations to the commissioner and
68 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
69 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning
70 multicultural health issues, policies and programs.

71 (d) The Office of Multicultural Health within the Department of
72 Public Health shall provide such staff as is necessary for the
73 performance of the functions and duties of the advisory commission."