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**Amendment**

LCO No. 3397

Offered by:  
SEN. HARP, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 423

File No. 245

Cal. No. 212

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

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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  
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 Department of Public Health Statewide  
17 Steering Committee of the Multicultural Initiative;

18 (3) One member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate,  
19 who shall be a representative of the board of directors of Aspira of  
20 Connecticut;

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) The chairperson of the Connecticut African-American Affairs  
30 Commission;

31 (8) The chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs  
32 Commission;

33 (9) The chairperson of the Department of Public Health Statewide  
34 Steering Committee of the Multicultural Initiative;

35 (10) The executive director of the Permanent Commission on the  
36 Status of Women; and

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

45 Representatives.

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

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

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