



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 4150

Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 423                      File No. 245              Cal. No. 499  
(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

***"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 the following  
8        members:

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 chairpersons of the Italian-American Caucus of the General  
32 Assembly and the Irish-American Caucus of the General Assembly;

33 (9) The chairperson of the Connecticut African-American Affairs  
34 Commission;

35 (10) The chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs  
36 Commission;

37 (11) The chairperson of the State-wide Multicultural Health Steering  
38 Committee;

39 (12) The executive director of the Permanent Commission on the  
40 Status of Women; and

41 (13) Eight members of the public, representing diverse multicultural  
42 and multiethnic backgrounds, two of whom shall be appointed by the

43 president pro tempore of the Senate, two of whom shall be appointed  
44 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be  
45 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be  
46 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one  
47 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and  
48 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
49 Representatives.

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

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

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