



An Act Enhancing Cultural Heritage And Tourism.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) There is established a Heritage Advisory
2 Committee. The committee shall be comprised of a representative of
3 (1) the Connecticut Historical Commission, (2) the Connecticut
4 Humanities Council, (3) the Connecticut Museum Association, (4) the
5 Connecticut Tourism Association, (5) the Connecticut Tourism
6 Council, (6) the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, and (7) the
7 League of Connecticut History Organizations. The State Historian and
8 the State Archaeologist shall also serve on said committee. Said
9 committee shall coordinate heritage initiatives across the state, assist
10 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
11 cognizance of matters relating to commerce in reviewing heritage
12 bonding proposals and offer policy recommendations to the
13 appropriate committees of the General Assembly to strengthen the
14 capacities of the cultural heritage and tourism industries.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32-305 of
16 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for the fiscal year ending
17 June 30, 2001, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Revenue
18 Services shall segregate from gross receipts from sales within the
19 meaning of subparagraph (h) of subdivision (2) of section 12-407 of the
20 general statutes, the following percentages, which are allocated as
21 provided in this section:

22 (1) Eight hundred fifty-five ten thousandths of one per cent to the
23 State Library, for the purpose of creating a matching grant program for
24 collection preservation, including, but not limited to, microfilming and
25 digitalization projects across the state;

26 (2) One hundred seventy-one ten thousandths of one per cent to the
27 State Library, for the purpose of creating a matching grant program for
28 improving environmental conditions for state and local records;

29 (3) Five hundred thirteen ten thousandths of one per cent to the
30 Connecticut Humanities Council Cultural Heritage Development
31 Fund, for the purpose of establishing a matching grant program for the
32 care and preservation of museum and historical-society-based heritage
33 collections;

34 (4) One thousand six hundred twenty-five ten thousandths of one
35 per cent to the Connecticut Historical Commission, for the purpose of
36 creating a matching grant program for the restoration of the state's
37 historical structures and landmarks owned by the state's nonprofit
38 organizations and municipalities;

39 (5) One hundred seventy-one thousandths of one per cent to the
40 Connecticut Humanities Council and the Connecticut Historical
41 Commission, for the purpose of establishing a matching grant program
42 providing support to mid-level heritage and preservation
43 organizations across the state;

44 (6) One hundred seventy-one thousandths of one per cent to the
45 Historic Asset Fund for the purpose of reestablishing a support
46 mechanism for heritage institutions to be jointly administered by the
47 Department of Economic and Community Development, the
48 Connecticut Historical Commission and the Connecticut Humanities
49 Council;

50 (7) One hundred seventy-one thousandths of one per cent to the
51 Department of Economic and Community Development for the
52 purpose of expanding state-wide tourism efforts;

53 (8) Four hundred twenty-eight ten thousandths of one per cent to
54 the State Library for the purpose of enhancing its conservation and
55 preservation services, including, but not limited to, conserving and
56 enhancing access to the State Library's collections and the State
57 Archives and to provide technical services to local municipalities and
58 other repositories;

59 (9) Four hundred twenty-eight ten thousandths of one per cent to
60 the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation for the purpose of
61 funding the program of technical and planning assistance to determine
62 the feasibility, costs and administrative mechanisms necessary to
63 preserve historic structures and landmarks;

64 (10) One hundred seventy-one ten thousandths of one per cent to
65 the Cultural Heritage Development Fund for the purpose of
66 supporting professional development;

67 (11) One hundred seventy-one ten thousandths of one per cent to
68 The University Of Connecticut for the purpose of maintaining the
69 Office of the State Historian and supporting its research, technical
70 assistance and publication efforts;

71 (12) One thousand two hundred eighty-three ten thousands of one
72 per cent to the Connecticut Humanities Council for the purpose of
73 expanding the Cultural Heritage Development Fund, administered by
74 said council;

75 (13) Three hundred forty-two ten thousandths of one per cent to the
76 tourism districts for the purpose of strengthening regional tourism
77 promotion;

78 (14) One hundred seventy-one ten thousandths of one per cent to
79 Central Connecticut State University for the purpose of establishing a
80 tourism training institute for tourism professionals and for other
81 functions enhancing tourism;

82 (15) One hundred seventy-one ten thousandths of one per cent to

83 the Connecticut Historical Society for the purpose of providing
84 funding for the expenses of Connecticut History Day, a day of history
85 attended by high school students around the state;

86 (16) One hundred seventy-one ten thousandths of one per cent to
87 The University of Connecticut for the purpose of funding the State
88 Archaeologist;

89 (17) One hundred seventy-one ten thousandths of one per cent for
90 the purpose of funding the Beardsley Park Zoo.

91 Sec. 3. Section 32-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the
92 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

93 (a) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall segregate (1) one
94 and one-half per cent of the gross receipts from sales within the
95 meaning of subdivision (h) of subsection (2) of section 12-407, as
96 amended, by any hotel or lodging house located in any municipality
97 having a population of less than sixty-five thousand, (2) three and one-
98 half per cent of the gross receipts from such sales in any municipality
99 having a population of sixty-five thousand or more but less than
100 seventy-five thousand, and (3) four and one-half per cent of the gross
101 receipts from such sales in any municipality having a population of
102 seventy-five thousand or more, provided the commissioner shall
103 segregate three and one-half per cent of the gross receipts from such
104 sales in the municipality having the most popular tourist attraction in
105 the state, as determined by the Office of Tourism, if such municipality
106 has a population of less than sixty-five thousand. Such segregated
107 funds shall be allocated to tourism districts established under section
108 32-302 as follows: The portion of the funds attributable to such tax
109 receipts in a municipality shall be allocated to the tourism district in
110 which the municipality is located, provided (A) ninety per cent of the
111 amount attributable to such gross receipts from sales in Hartford shall
112 be allocated to the Capital City Economic Development Authority and
113 ten per cent of the amount attributable to such gross receipts from
114 sales in Hartford shall be allocated to the Greater Hartford Arts

115 Council, (B) seventy-five per cent of the amount attributable to such
116 gross receipts from sales in New Haven shall be allocated to the New
117 Haven Coliseum Authority, (C) seventy-five per cent of the amount
118 attributable to such gross receipts from sales in Stamford shall be
119 allocated to the Stamford Center for the Arts, (D) seventy-five per cent
120 of the amount attributable to such gross receipts from sales in Norwalk
121 shall be allocated to the Maritime Center Authority, [and] (E) seventy-
122 five per cent of the amount attributable to such gross receipts from
123 sales in Bridgeport shall be allocated to the Greater Fairfield district
124 established in section 32-302, as amended, for the sole purpose of
125 marketing tourist attractions located in Bridgeport. If for any state
126 fiscal year the amount of the allocation under subparagraph (E) is less
127 than the amount of funds allocated during the fiscal year ending June
128 30, 1991, to the then existing Bridgeport Convention and Visitors
129 Bureau, pursuant to sections 7-136b and 7-136c of the general statutes,
130 revised to January 1, 1991, the Connecticut Tourism Council shall
131 provide a grant under section 32-300, from the tourism account, in the
132 amount of such difference, to said Greater Fairfield district for the
133 purpose set forth in subparagraph (E). Notwithstanding the provisions
134 of this section, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the
135 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall segregate one hundred fifty
136 thousand dollars from any increase in receipts of such amount
137 segregated under this section during the fiscal year ending June 30,
138 1997, and shall allocate such segregated amount to the Connecticut
139 Film, Video and Media Office established under section 32-86a,
140 provided the amount segregated and allocated to any entity under this
141 section is not less than the amount segregated and allocated during the
142 fiscal year ending June 30, 1997. Not later than January 1, 1999, and
143 annually thereafter, each tourism district and each authority receiving
144 funds under this section shall submit to the Connecticut Tourism
145 Council a full audit of the books and accounts of the district or
146 authority for the preceding fiscal year at the same time that an audit is
147 submitted to the Office of Policy and Management under subsection (f)
148 of section 32-302, as amended. Each such audit shall be conducted by
149 an independent certified public accountant. The Commissioner of

150 Revenue Services shall also segregate an additional one million dollars
151 of the sales tax receipts from such sales in the state during each state
152 fiscal year and allocate such funds to the cultural heritage
153 development account established under section 10-373bb. The
154 Commissioner of Revenue Services may adopt regulations, in
155 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning accounting
156 procedures necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

157 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall segregate eight-
158 tenths of one per cent of the gross receipts from sales within the
159 meaning of subdivision (h) of subsection (2) of section 12-407, as
160 amended, by any hotel or lodging house and allocate such funds to the
161 tourism account established pursuant to section 32-303.

162 [(b)] (c) Except as provided by law, a tourism district, convention
163 center authority, coliseum authority or the Capital City Economic
164 Development Authority, as the case may be, may borrow money to
165 pay its obligations that cannot be paid at maturity out of current
166 revenue from such allocations, but shall not borrow a sum greater than
167 can be repaid out of the allocations anticipated during the year in
168 which the money is borrowed. The tourism district, convention center
169 authority or coliseum authority, as the case may be, may pledge its
170 securities to secure the repayment of any sum so borrowed.

171 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 12-667 of the general statutes is
172 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

173 (g) The proceeds from the surcharge imposed by this chapter shall
174 be deposited in the [tourism account established under section 32-303]
175 General Fund.

CE Committee Vote: Yea 25 Nay 1 JFS C/R FIN

FIN Committee Vote: Yea 41 Nay 5 JFS

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 21 Nay 0 JF