



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 530**

January Session, 2001

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1258

*Senate, May 1, 2001*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FONFARA of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOURISM COUNCIL.**

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

1 Subsection (a) of section 32-301 of the general statutes is repealed  
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established within the Department of Economic and  
4 Community Development, for administrative purposes only, a  
5 Connecticut Tourism Council. The council shall consist of (1) the  
6 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, (2) the  
7 Commissioner of Transportation, or a designee, (3) the Commissioner  
8 of Environmental Protection, or a designee, (4) the Commissioner of  
9 Agriculture, or a designee, (5) [four] five members appointed by the  
10 Governor, one of whom shall represent the campground industry, one  
11 of whom shall represent a chamber of commerce, one of whom shall  
12 represent a tourist attraction, [and] one of whom shall represent the

13 arts and one of whom shall represent the hotel and motel industry and  
14 be employed in a hotel or motel with less than fifty rooms, and (6) [six]  
15 seven members appointed as follows: (A) [One] Two by the president  
16 pro tempore of the Senate, who shall represent the hotel and motel  
17 industry, one of whom shall be employed in a hotel or motel with  
18 more than fifty rooms but less than one hundred rooms and one of  
19 whom shall be employed in a conference center, (B) one by the  
20 majority leader of the Senate, who shall represent a convention center  
21 authority or coliseum authority, (C) one by the minority leader of the  
22 Senate, who shall represent the restaurant industry, (D) one by the  
23 speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall represent a tourism  
24 district, (E) one by the majority leader of the House of Representatives,  
25 who shall represent a tourism district, and (F) one by the minority  
26 leader of the House of Representatives, who shall represent tour bus  
27 companies. All members appointed by the Governor shall serve a term  
28 of four years. The terms of all members appointed by members of the  
29 General Assembly shall be coterminous with the terms of members of  
30 the General Assembly. No member of the council who represents a  
31 tourism district may (i) serve for consecutive terms on the council, or  
32 (ii) represent the same tourism district as such member's predecessor  
33 on the council. The Commissioner of Economic and Community  
34 Development shall serve as chairperson of the council.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Potential Minimal Cost

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Economic and Community Development

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

The bill adds two members to the Connecticut Tourism Council, which is in the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for administrative purposes. Any increase in costs to DECD for necessary expenses as provided under CGS 4-1 is anticipated to be very minimal based on past history (less than \$50 a year in reimbursements).

**OLR BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOURISM COUNCIL.****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds two more hotel and motel industry representatives to the 14-member council Connecticut Tourism Council, giving this industry three representatives on the council. The council oversees the way the Department of Economic and Community Development and the state's 11 regional tourism districts promote the state's tourist attractions.

Under the bill, the governor and the Senate president pro tempore each appoint an additional representative. The governor must appoint someone who works for a hotel or a motel with fewer than 50 rooms. The Senate president pro tempore already appoints a hotel and motel representative. The bill gives him one more appointment, but requires one of the two appointees to work for a hotel or motel with between 50 and 100 rooms and the other to work for a conference center.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**BACKGROUND*****Current Tourism Council Membership***

Table 1 shows the groups represented on the council, their terms, and their appointing authority.

**Table 1: State Tourism Council Membership**

<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>No. Appointments</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Term</b>
Statute	4	Commissioners of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic and</li> </ul>	Coterminous

		Community Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Environmental Protection</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> </ul>	
Governor	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campground industry</li> <li>• Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Tourist attraction</li> <li>• Arts</li> </ul>	Four years
Senate president pro tempore	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hotel and motel industry</li> </ul>	Coterminous
Senate majority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convention center or Coliseum Authority</li> </ul>	Coterminous
Senate minority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restaurant industry</li> </ul>	Coterminous
House speaker	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional tourism district</li> </ul>	Coterminous
House majority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional tourism district</li> </ul>	Coterminous
House minority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional tourism district</li> </ul>	Coterminous

### ***Legislative History***

On April 11, the Senate referred the bill to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. On April 19, the committee deleted the provision adding the Commerce Committee co-chairmen to the council and reported the bill favorably.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0

Government Administration and Election

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0