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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED."**

1 In line 1, before "Section" insert "Section 1."

2 After line 21, insert the following:

3 "Sec. 2. Section 32-86a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) There is established within the Department of Economic and  
6 Community Development a Connecticut Film, Video and Media  
7 Office. The office shall be administered by [an executive] a director,  
8 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and  
9 Community Development from a list of nominees submitted to the  
10 commissioner by the Connecticut Film, Video and Media Commission.  
11 The [executive] director shall have substantial experience in the film,  
12 video and media fields and shall be exempt from the classified service  
13 and may be an independent contractor.

14 (b) The Department of Economic and Community Development  
15 shall provide additional necessary personnel and resources to enable  
16 the office to perform its tasks and to assist the Connecticut Film, Video  
17 and Media Commission.

18 (c) The office shall have the following powers and duties:

19 (1) To promote the use of Connecticut locations, facilities and  
20 services for the production of films, videos, television programs, audio  
21 recordings and other media-related products;

22 (2) To provide support services to visiting and in-state production  
23 companies, including assistance to film, video and other media  
24 producers in securing location permits from state agencies, authorities  
25 or institutions or municipalities or other political subdivisions of the  
26 state;

27 (3) To develop and update a resource library concerning the many  
28 possible state sites which are suitable for filming and taping;

29 (4) To develop and update a production manual of available film,  
30 video and media production facilities and services in the state;

31 (5) To conduct and attend trade shows and production workshops  
32 to promote Connecticut locations and facilities;

33 (6) To prepare an explanatory guide showing the impact of relevant  
34 state and municipal tax statutes, regulations and administrative  
35 opinions on typical production activities;

36 (7) To formulate and propose guidelines for standardized permits to  
37 be used by state agencies which shall be as close to a "one stop  
38 permitting" process as possible, for matters including, but not limited  
39 to, the use of state roads and highways, the use of state-owned real or  
40 personal property for production activities and the conduct of  
41 regulated activities, and to hold workshops to assist state agencies in  
42 implementing such process;

43 (8) To formulate and recommend to municipalities model local  
44 ordinances to assist production activities, including, but not limited to,  
45 "one stop permitting" of film, video and other media production  
46 activity to be conducted in a municipality, and to hold workshops to  
47 assist municipalities in implementing such ordinances;

48 (9) To accept any funds, gifts, donations, bequests or grants of funds  
49 from private and public sources for the purposes of sections 32-86 to  
50 32-86b, inclusive, 32-87, 32-87a [, 32-88] and 32-90;

51 (10) To request and obtain from any state agency, authority or  
52 institution or any municipality or other political subdivision of the  
53 state such assistance and data as will enable the office to carry out the  
54 purposes of sections 32-86 to 32-86b, inclusive, 32-87, 32-87a [, 32-88]  
55 and 32-90;

56 (11) To assist and promote cooperation among all segments of  
57 management and labor that are engaged in film, video or other media  
58 production;

59 (12) To create advisory councils to carry out the purposes of sections  
60 32-86 to 32-86b, inclusive, 32-87, 32-87a [, 32-88] and 32-90;

61 (13) To develop criteria for use by the Department of Economic and  
62 Community Development, the Connecticut Development Authority,  
63 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, and other state agencies and  
64 authorities in awarding financial assistance for the production of films,  
65 videos and other media projects in the state. The criteria shall (A)  
66 provide for a secured position for the state and (B) give preference to  
67 projects having significant advance sales or other commitments; and

68 (14) To take any other administrative action which may improve the  
69 position of the state's film, video and media production industries in  
70 national and international markets.

71 (d) Not later than January fifteenth, annually, the [executive]  
72 director of the Connecticut Film, Video and Media Office shall submit

73 a report to the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
74 Development, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
75 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and the  
76 Connecticut Film, Video and Media Commission on the activities of  
77 the office and the estimated direct and indirect economic impact of  
78 film, video, television, cable television-related, audio recording and  
79 other media production activity in the state, during the preceding  
80 calendar year.

81 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 32-87 of the general statutes is  
82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

83 (a) There is established a Connecticut Film, Video and Media  
84 Commission. The commission shall be within the Department of  
85 Economic and Community Development and shall serve as an  
86 advisory group to the Connecticut Film, Video and Media Office and  
87 to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development.

88 Sec. 4. Section 32-87a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
89 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

90 The commission shall:

91 (1) Monitor the activities of the Connecticut Film, Video and Media  
92 Office and make recommendations to the [executive] director of said  
93 office to improve state services for the state's film, video and media  
94 production industries;

95 (2) Make recommendations to the Governor and state agencies  
96 concerning administrative actions which it deems necessary or helpful  
97 to improve such industries;

98 (3) Submit to the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
99 Development (A) a list of nominees for the position of [executive]  
100 director of the Connecticut Film, Video and Media Office, and (B)  
101 proposed job evaluation criteria for the [executive] director;

102 (4) Identify and make recommendations to remedy state agency and

103 municipal actions or procedures which may have a negative impact on  
104 film, video and other media production in the state or that may appear  
105 to discourage or impose unnecessarily costly burdens on such  
106 production in the state; and

107 (5) Assist and advise the Connecticut Film, Video and Media Office.

108 Sec. 5. Section 32-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
109 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

110 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
111 with the advice of the Connecticut Film, Video and Media  
112 Commission, [shall] may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
113 provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

114 Sec. 6. Section 32-88 of the general statutes is repealed."