



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 392**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1223

*Senate, April 10, 2007*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. FINCH of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established an  
2 Equine Advisory Council which shall assist the Department of  
3 Environmental Protection to study the issue of preservation of equine  
4 trails in the state. The council shall consist of the president of the  
5 Connecticut Horse Council and six representatives from an  
6 organization that serves the horse industry in the state: (1) One of  
7 whom shall reside in the first congressional district, appointed by the  
8 speaker of the House of Representatives, (2) one of whom shall reside  
9 in the second congressional district, appointed by the president pro  
10 tempore of the Senate, (3) one of whom shall reside in the third  
11 congressional district, appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
12 Representatives, (4) one of whom shall reside in the fourth  
13 congressional district, appointed by the minority leader of the House  
14 of Representatives, (5) one of whom shall reside in the fifth  
15 congressional district, appointed by the majority leader of the Senate,

16 and (6) one of whom shall also be a member of the Connecticut Forests  
 17 and Parks Association, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.  
 18 All appointments to the council shall be made not later than thirty  
 19 days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled  
 20 by the appointing authority. The members of the council shall elect a  
 21 chairperson of the council from among the members of the council.  
 22 Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which  
 23 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
 24 section. Members of the council shall not be compensated for their  
 25 services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill establishes an Equine Advisory Council which shall assist the Department of Environmental Protection to study preservation of equine trails in the state.

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***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1223*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes an Equine Advisory Council to help the Department of Environmental Protection study state horse trail preservation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The council's membership consists of the Connecticut Horse Council president and six representatives from an organization that serves the state's horse industry. Five of these six members must represent each of the state's five Congressional districts. The House speaker appoints the member from the 1<sup>st</sup> district, the Senate president pro tempore appoints the 2<sup>nd</sup> district member, and the House majority and minority leaders and the Senate majority leader, respectively, appoint the members from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> districts. The sixth person must also be a member of the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association and is appointed by the Senate minority leader.

The appointing authorities must make their appointments no later than 30 days after bill's effective date and fill any vacancy.

The council elects a chairperson from its members. The chairperson must schedule the first council meeting, which must occur no later than 60 days after the bill's effective date. Council members are not compensated for their services.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/23/2007)