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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CULTURAL TREASURES ACCOUNT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There is established an
2 account to be known as the "cultural treasures account", which shall be
3 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
4 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the
5 account.

6 (b) The moneys in said account shall be expended by the
7 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism for the purpose of
8 providing grant funds to individuals, institutions and organizations
9 for creating, preserving, promoting and expanding nonprofit arts and
10 cultural activities in the state provided the funds are distributed as
11 follows: Sixty per cent to nonprofit arts and cultural institutions and
12 organizations with annual operating budgets of more than one million
13 dollars and forty per cent to nonprofit arts and cultural institutions,
14 organizations and individuals with annual operating budgets of less

15 than one million dollars.

16 (c) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall
17 award grants provided in subsection (b) of this section to such
18 individuals, institutions and organizations based on criteria, including,
19 but not limited to: (1) Cultural merit, (2) financial strength, (3)
20 management accountability, (4) community involvement, (5) visitors
21 per year, (6) number of students served, (7) historic value, and (8) the
22 percentage of available state funds compared to nongovernmental
23 funds.

24 (d) Before awarding any grants pursuant to subsection (b) of this
25 section, the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall
26 make any and all criteria established pursuant to subsection (c) of this
27 section available to applicants.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
29 June 30, 2008, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall segregate
30 not less than five million dollars from the total gross receipts collected
31 under section 12-258 of the general statutes from any person operating
32 community antenna television systems and any person operating a
33 business that provides one-way transmission to subscribers of video
34 programming by satellite. Such segregated funds shall be allocated by
35 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to the
36 Commission on Culture and Tourism on a quarterly basis pursuant to
37 subsection (b) of section 12-256 of the general statutes for the purposes
38 identified in section 1 of this act.

39 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and annually thereafter,
40 the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall segregate not less than ten
41 million dollars from the total gross receipts collected under section 12-
42 258 of the general statutes from any person operating community
43 antenna television systems and any person operating a business that
44 provides one-way transmission to subscribers of video programming
45 by satellite. Such segregated funds shall be allocated by the Secretary
46 of the Office of Policy and Management to the Commission on Culture

47 and Tourism on a quarterly basis pursuant to subsection (b) of section
48 12-256 of the general statutes for purposes identified in section 1 of this
49 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]