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**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 5024

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL TREASURES ACCOUNT."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) There is established an  
4 account to be known as the "cultural treasures account", which shall be  
5 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account  
6 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the  
7 account. Not less than twenty-five per cent of said funds shall be  
8 distributed to institutions, organizations or individuals with annual  
9 operating budgets of less than one million dollars.

10 (b) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall  
11 expend the moneys in said account in support of any of the following  
12 three programs: (1) Basic cultural resources, (2) culture, tourism and  
13 arts, and (3) cultural treasures.

14 (c) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall  
15 expend the money in said account for the basic cultural resources

16 portion for the purpose of providing grants to individuals,  
17 organizations or institutions, whether a public or not-for-profit entity,  
18 engaged in or planning to engage in artistic and cultural programs or  
19 activities within the state or engaged in or planning to engage in the  
20 promotion, development or encouragement of artistic and cultural  
21 programs or activities within the state.

22 (d) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall  
23 expend the money in said account for the culture, tourism and arts  
24 portion for the purpose of providing grants to individuals,  
25 organizations or institutions, whether a public or not-for-profit entity,  
26 engaged in or planning to engage in artistic, tourism or cultural  
27 programs or activities within the state or engaged in or planning to  
28 engage in the promotion, development or encouragement of artistic,  
29 tourism or cultural programs or activities within the state.

30 (e) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall  
31 expend the money in said account for the cultural treasures portion for  
32 the purpose of providing grants to individuals, organizations or  
33 institutions, whether a public or not-for-profit entity, engaged in or  
34 planning to engage in cultural and tourism programs or activities  
35 within the state or that are cultural and tourism programs or activities  
36 within the state.

37 (f) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall  
38 award grants pursuant to subsections (c), (d) and (e) of this section to  
39 such individuals, institutions and organizations based on criteria that  
40 include, but are not limited to: (1) Cultural merit, (2) financial strength,  
41 (3) management accountability, (4) community involvement, (5)  
42 visitors per year, (6) number of students served, (7) historic value, and  
43 (8) the percentage of available state funds compared to  
44 nongovernmental funds. Before awarding any grants pursuant to  
45 subsection (c), (d) or (e) of this section, the Connecticut Commission on  
46 Culture and Tourism shall make any and all criteria established  
47 pursuant to this section available to applicants."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section