



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 290

Senate, April 15, 2010

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNET.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-173 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) The Commission on Official Legal Publications shall publish and
4 distribute a compilation of all effective regulations adopted by all state
5 agencies subsequent to October 27, 1970, except regulations adopted
6 pursuant to subsection (f) of section 4-168. Such publication may be a
7 supplement to or revision of the most current compilation, and shall be
8 published at least semiannually. The Commission on Official Legal
9 Publications may omit from such compilation (1) any regulation that is
10 incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation and published
11 by or otherwise available in printed form from a federal agency, a
12 government agency of another state or a commercial publishing
13 company, (2) any regulation that is too expensive to publish, or (3) any
14 regulation the publication of which would be unduly cumbersome. If

15 the commission omits a regulation from the compilation, it shall
16 publish in the compilation a notice identifying the omitted regulation,
17 stating the general subject matter of the regulation and stating an
18 address, telephone number and any other information needed to
19 obtain a copy of the regulation. Such address and telephone number
20 shall be kept current in each semiannual publication of the
21 compilation. The commission shall publish any regulation that has
22 been omitted from publication under subdivision (2) of this subsection
23 as soon as the commission has sufficient funds.

24 (b) The Commission on Official Legal Publications shall in addition
25 cause to be published in the Connecticut Law Journal at least monthly
26 the text of all regulations received by the commission from the office of
27 the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 4-172 during the
28 preceding month. The commission may omit from the Connecticut
29 Law Journal (1) any regulation submitted in accordance with
30 subsection (g) of section 4-168, for the purposes of renumbering
31 sections only, if a correlated table of the former and new section
32 numbers is published in lieu of the full text, (2) any regulation that is
33 incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation and published
34 by or otherwise available in printed form from a federal agency, a
35 government agency of another state or a commercial publishing
36 company, and (3) any regulation the publication of which would be
37 too expensive or unduly cumbersome. If the commission omits a
38 regulation from publication in the Connecticut Law Journal under
39 subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, the commission shall publish
40 in the Connecticut Law Journal a notice identifying the omitted
41 regulation, stating the general subject matter of the regulation and
42 stating an address, telephone number and any other information
43 needed to obtain a copy of the regulation.

44 (c) Each agency which adopts a regulation shall make the regulation
45 available for inspection and copying at its main office. On and after
46 October 1, 2011, each agency shall post on its Internet web site any
47 regulation of such agency that is published pursuant to subsection (b)
48 of this section on or after said date. Not later than January 1, 2012, each

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires state agencies to post their regulations on their Internet websites. This does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 290*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNET.*****SUMMARY:**

Beginning October 1, 2011, this bill requires each state agency to post on its website its regulations that the Commission on Official Legal Publications publishes in the *Connecticut Law Journal* on or after the same date. By January 1, 2012, each agency must post all of its regulations that are in effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

BACKGROUND***Publication of Regulations***

By law, the commission publishes in the *Connecticut Law Journal* at least monthly the text of most regulations adopted during the preceding month. It may omit a regulation that (1) represents a technical amendment because it renumbers sections only; (2) is incorporated by reference in a Connecticut regulation and is available in printed form from a federal agency, another state government's agency, or a commercial publisher; or (3) would be too costly or cumbersome to publish. If the commission omits a regulation, it must publish a notice identifying the regulation and its general subject matter and providing an address and telephone number to obtain more information.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 14 Nay 1 (03/18/2010)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 55 Nay 0 (04/01/2010)