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Public Act No. 11-227

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT BREWERY TRAIL AND
REQUIRING THE CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE
AND TOURISM TO SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONNECTICUT ANTIQUES TRAIL.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 13a-123 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(e) The following types of signs, displays and devices may, with the approval of and subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, be permitted within the six-hundred-sixty-foot area of interstate, primary and other limited access state highways, except as prohibited by state statute, local ordinance or zoning regulation: (1) Directional and other official signs or notices, which signs and notices shall include, but not be limited to, signs and notices pertaining to natural wonders and scenic and historical attractions which are required or authorized by law; (2) signs, displays and devices advertising the sale or lease of the property upon which they are located; (3) signs, displays and devices advertising activities conducted on the property on which they are located; [and] (4) directional and other official signs or notices pertaining to facilities in this state where Connecticut-made beer is

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manufactured or sold, including, but not limited to, signs or notices containing the words "Connecticut Brewery Trail"; and (5) signs, displays or advertising devices which are in place for sixty days or less. Subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner and except as prohibited by state statute, local ordinance or zoning regulation signs, displays and devices may be erected and maintained within six hundred sixty feet of primary and other limited access state highways in areas which are zoned for industrial or commercial use under authority of law or located in unzoned commercial or industrial areas which areas shall be determined from actual land uses and defined by regulations of the commissioner. The regulations of the commissioner in regard to size, spacing and lighting shall apply to any segments of the interstate system which traverse commercial or industrial zones wherein the use of real property adjacent to the interstate system is subject to municipal regulation or control, or which traverse other areas where the land use, as of September 21, 1959, was clearly established under state law as industrial or commercial.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The design and production of directional and other official signs or notices pertaining to facilities in this state where Connecticut-made beer is manufactured or sold, pursuant to subsection (e) of section 13a-123 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, may be paid for by private persons or entities affiliated with Connecticut-made beer manufacturers or sellers.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2012, the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, on the impact the establishment of a Connecticut Antiques Trail or Trails may have on state tourism and economic health. The commission shall solicit public input for locations to be considered for any trail route or routes. Such

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report shall include (1) criteria for designating proposed trail route or routes, (2) the costs associated with establishing and marketing such trail or trails, and (3) the projected economic impact such trail or trails would have on the state.

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