



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 282

Senate, April 11, 2013

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTICUT ANTIQUES TRAIL.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) The Department of
2 Economic and Community Development shall, within available
3 appropriations, establish a Connecticut antiques trail to identify and
4 market sites in the state where antiques are sold. The department shall
5 develop criteria to identify (1) major antique dealers, (2) communities
6 that feature a high concentration of antique dealers, and (3) auction
7 houses that have annual sales in excess of one million dollars for
8 inclusion in the antiques trail. The department shall develop a
9 program to promote the antiques trail, including, but not limited to,
10 (A) directional and other signs and notices pertaining to the sites
11 identified by the department, and (B) an Internet web site for the
12 antiques trail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

CE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$10,000	Less than \$10,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill specifies that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) identify and market a Connecticut antiques trail statewide within available appropriations. However, if the bill were to be implemented the costs to DECD would be less than \$10,000 in FY 14 and FY 15. The potential costs would be associated with the initial development of marketing materials such as pamphlets and brochures.

It is anticipated that DECD can identify antique dealers with the assistance of regional tourism districts and organizations at no cost and develop a website without additional resources.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

¹ The Eastern Regional Tourism District, "Mystic County," currently markets a listing of antique dealers in eastern Connecticut (<http://mystic.org/antiquetrail>). In addition, there have been other efforts made by regional organizations to list and promote antique dealers, for example, the Woodbury Antiques Dealers Association (<http://www.antiqueswoodbury.com>).

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 282*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTICUT ANTIQUES TRAIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), within available appropriations, to establish a program identifying and marketing Connecticut sites where antiques are sold (i.e., Connecticut antique trail). DECD must identify major antique dealers, the communities with a high concentration of such dealers, and auction houses with annual sales over \$1 million. DECD must also develop a program to promote the trail that includes signs and notices identifying the sites listed above where antiques are sold and an internet website providing information about the trail.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/26/2013)