



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6671

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) Each state agency, as
2 defined in section 4-37e of the general statutes, shall inform and
3 communicate with its clients in a culturally competent way that
4 recognizes the diversity of such clients.

5 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Legislative Program Review and
6 Investigations Committee shall conduct a study regarding the
7 feasibility of creating a centralized state permitting office with
8 streamlined procedures that would be responsible for the issuance of
9 all business permits. On or before January 1, 2014, said committee shall
10 submit its findings and recommendations concerning such study to
11 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
12 cognizance of matters relating to government administration and
13 commerce in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
14 general statutes.

15 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The polka shall be the state
16 dance.

17 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The ballroom polka shall be the
18 state polka.

19 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The song entitled "Beautiful
20 Connecticut Waltz", composed by Joseph Leggo of Newington, shall be
21 the second state song.

22 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
23 amended by adding subdivisions (62) to (65), inclusive, as follows
24 (*Effective from passage*):

25 (NEW) (62) The Governor shall proclaim the month of March of
26 each year to be Irish-American Month to honor Americans of Irish
27 ancestry, their culture and the great contribution they have made to
28 this country. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
29 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

30 (NEW) (63) The Governor shall proclaim the month of October of
31 each year to be Italian-American Month to honor Americans of Italian
32 ancestry, their culture and the great contribution they have made to
33 this country. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
34 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

35 (NEW) (64) The Governor shall proclaim the month of November of
36 each year to be Native American Month to honor Americans of Native
37 American ancestry, their culture and the great contribution they have
38 made to this country. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State
39 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance
40 of the month.

41 (NEW) (65) The Governor shall proclaim June twenty-fourth of each
42 year to be French Canadian-American Day to honor Americans of
43 French Canadian ancestry, their culture and the great contribution they
44 have made to this country. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State
45 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance
46 of the day.

47 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Economic
48 and Community Development may, in his or her discretion, designate
49 a day, week or month for the celebration of any ethnic, cultural or

50 heritage group upon the application of such ethnic, cultural or heritage
51 group for such designation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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