



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 305

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE FILM PERMITTING PROCESS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) The Department of
2 Economic and Community Development, through its Office of Film,
3 Television and Digital Media, shall serve as a state-wide point of
4 contact for all producers of film, television and digital media
5 productions requesting permission to (1) conduct film production
6 activities on state-owned property, including, but not limited to, all
7 state roads and highways, railroads and train stations, state forests and
8 parks, airports and seaports, hospitals and all campuses of the public
9 institutions of higher education in the state; and (2) use any other state-
10 owned real or personal property, except courthouses and judicial
11 branch facilities, for such purposes.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
13 may issue a state film permit, on a form designated by the
14 commissioner, to any person seeking to conduct film production
15 activities on such state-owned property. Such permit shall specify the
16 insurance coverage that the permittee shall be required to obtain, as
17 determined by the commissioner in consultation with the state's
18 Director of Insurance and Risk Management, with the state named as
19 an additional insured. No liability shall accrue to the state or any
20 agency or employee of the state for any injuries or damages to any

21 person or property that may result, either directly or indirectly, from
22 such film production activities of the permittee on such state-owned
23 property.

24 (c) A state film permit shall identify the person requesting
25 permission to conduct film production activities on state property and
26 indicate that the permittee has provided documentation to the
27 Department of Economic and Community Development substantiating
28 the permittee's ability to conduct indemnified film production
29 activities. Any permittee seeking permission to conduct film
30 production activities on property controlled by a state agency,
31 authority or institution shall present such permit to such agency,
32 authority or institution when the permittee requests such permission.
33 Following the presentment of such permit by a permittee, such state
34 agency, authority or institution may authorize film production
35 activities by the permittee on such property.

36 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
37 pursuant to section 32-1p of the general statutes, shall establish
38 guidelines to be used in working with state agencies, authorities or
39 institutions to implement the provisions of this section. Such
40 guidelines shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An agency contact at
41 the Office of Film, Television and Digital Media for filing permit
42 applications and for obtaining information on permit requirements; (2)
43 identification of each individual within each respective state agency
44 who shall be a point of contact for an agency permit application; (3) a
45 mandatory preapplication review process to reduce permitting issues
46 or conflicts by providing guidance to applicants on (A) information
47 required for authorization or permit approval from the relevant state
48 agencies, authorities or institutions, (B) specifications for desired on-
49 site production and production-related activities, site suitability and
50 limitations, and (C) steps the applicant can take to ensure expeditious
51 permit application; (4) a single, coordinated production activity
52 description form, including an equipment checklist and personnel
53 roster; (5) a process by which the Office of Film, Television and Digital

54 Media may forward permit applications to other relevant state
55 agencies, authorities or institutions on behalf of an applicant; and (6) at
56 the commissioner's discretion, a permit fee structure.

57 (e) The Office of Film, Television and Digital Media, at the request
58 of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, may
59 request the assistance of any other agency, authority or institution of
60 the state to assist in providing information and assistance as may be
61 necessary to expedite such office's duties and responsibilities under
62 this section. Each officer or employee of such other agency, authority
63 or institution of the state shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate
64 with the Office of Film, Television and Digital Media.

65 Sec. 2. Section 13a-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the
66 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

67 The Commissioner of Transportation, following the presentment of
68 a state film permit by a person pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1
69 of this act, may issue a filming permit, on a form required by the
70 commissioner, to [any] such person seeking to create photographs,
71 moving images, footage and sound recordings for commercial,
72 entertainment or advertising purposes upon any state highway right-
73 of-way or state real property under the custody and control of the
74 Department of Transportation. Such permit shall specify the insurance
75 coverage that the permittee shall be required to obtain, as determined
76 by the commissioner in consultation with the state's Director of
77 Insurance and Risk Management, with the state named as an
78 additional insured. No liability shall accrue to the state or any agency
79 or employee of the state for any injuries or damages to any person or
80 property that may result, either directly or indirectly, from the filming
81 activities of the permittee on state real property or state highway right-
82 of-way. The commissioner shall develop any such permit in
83 consultation with the Commissioner of Economic and Community
84 Development.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	13a-259

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