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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 18-162—HB 5274

Commerce Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMS OF THE STATE POET
LAUREATE AND THE STATE TROUBADOUR**

SUMMARY: This act requires the appointment of an official state trobairitz or troubadour, instead of just an official state troubadour, as prior law required, and explicitly requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner to make this appointment. It also requires, rather than allows for, the appointment of a state poet laureate and explicitly requires the commissioner to make this appointment as well. Under prior law, DECD appointed the state troubadour and state poet laureate.

The act requires the commissioner to designate individuals for both positions to a three-year term and allows her to fill a vacancy in either position by appointment for the term's balance. Prior law did not specify a term for the poet laureate, but provided a two-year term for the state troubadour. In both cases, it made no provision for filling a vacancy.

Under the act, the commissioner must continue to appoint the state poet laureate with recommendations from the Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee, as DECD had to do under prior law if it chose to fill that position.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018