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"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN APPEALS OF DETERMINATIONS MADE BY THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
4 group to study the State Historic Preservation Officer's role in
5 administering historic preservation review processes related to sections
6 22a-1 to 22a-1h, inclusive, of the general statutes and the regulations
7 adopted thereunder, and to make recommendations concerning
8 changes to such statutes and regulations. The study shall include, but
9 need not be limited to, the development of recommendations
10 concerning (1) the historic preservation consultation process; (2)
11 timelines for historic preservation reviews; (3) definitions of the roles of
12 parties involved in the historic preservation review process; (4) an

13 outline of the steps in the historic preservation review process; (5)
14 specific goals and outcomes of the historic preservation review process;
15 and (6) an appeals process for municipalities to appeal determinations
16 made by the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to sections 22a-
17 1 to 22a-1h, inclusive, of the general statutes and the regulations
18 adopted thereunder, concerning the renovation or rehabilitation of
19 historic buildings or properties.

20 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
22 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce;

23 (2) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,
25 or the ranking members' designees;

26 (3) The State Historic Preservation Officer, or the officer's designee;

27 (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
28 or the commissioner's designee;

29 (5) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
30 secretary's designee;

31 (6) A representative of the Office of the Governor, who has expertise
32 overseeing the administration of sections 22a-1 to 22a-1h, inclusive, of
33 the general statutes and the regulations adopted thereunder, who shall
34 be appointed by the Governor;

35 (7) A representative of the Council on Environmental Quality, who
36 shall be appointed by the Governor;

37 (8) A representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of
38 municipalities in the state, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons
39 of the working group;

40 (9) A representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of

41 small towns and communities in the state, who shall be appointed by
42 the chairpersons of the working group;

43 (10) A representative of an organization that advocates for
44 revitalizing historic commercial districts and downtowns in the state,
45 who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the working group;

46 (11) A representative of a municipal historic preservation
47 commission, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the working
48 group;

49 (12) A representative of an association representing businesses and
50 industries in the state, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the
51 working group;

52 (13) Two municipal economic development officers, who shall be
53 appointed by the chairpersons of the working group;

54 (14) A representative of a property development organization, who
55 has expertise in construction and renovations, who shall be appointed
56 by the chairpersons of the working group; and

57 (15) A representative of the brownfields working group established
58 pursuant to section 32-770 of the general statutes, who shall be
59 appointed by the chairpersons of the working group.

60 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
61 (1), (2), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13) or (14) of subsection (b) of this section
62 may be a member of the General Assembly.

63 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
64 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
65 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

66 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
67 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall be
68 the chairpersons of the working group. Such chairpersons shall
69 schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not

70 later than ninety days after the effective date of this section.

71 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
72 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
73 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

74 (g) Not later than February 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a
75 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
76 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
77 relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
78 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
79 that it submits such report or February 1, 2024, whichever is later."

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