



Connecticut Law Revision Commission

2012 Annual Report

CONNECTICUT LAW REVISION COMMISSION

The Connecticut Law Revision Commission assists the Connecticut General Assembly by recommending revisions of Connecticut law to ensure its responsiveness to current needs and recent case law. The commission undertakes revisions at the request of the Judiciary Committee or other legislative committees, as well as legislative leaders, state agencies, the Judicial Department, the Connecticut Bar Association, law school professors, and private practitioners. Statutory authority for the Connecticut Law Revision Commission is found in sections 2-85 to 2-88, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Governor, the President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint members to the Commission. The President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Chairpersons and Ranking Members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary also sit as members on the Commission or may designate individuals to serve as members in their place. Any designee of a Chairperson or Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee must be a current member of the Judiciary Committee.

Since 2003, the state budget has not included funding for commission staff. Pursuant to Section 2-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission has requested assistance in the performance of its responsibilities from the Legislative Commissioners' Office. Assistance is also provided by other staff offices within the Connecticut General Assembly. Pursuant to Section 2-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes, additional assistance may be provided from any other source.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

Representative Arthur J. O'Neill, Chairman

Hon. Julia L. Aurigemma

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Professor Colin C. Tait

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RESEARCH AND PROJECTS INITIATED, PENDING OR COMPLETED DURING 2012

The Law Revision Commission's Advisory Committee on the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act, which was established in 2011, completed its work at its last meeting on February 21, 2012, and submitted a report to the full commission which included its findings, a proposed draft and an optional amendment relating to a "hull damaged" title brand requirement. The report was duly accepted by the full commission and the proposed draft was forwarded to the Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly for consideration during the 2012 session. A copy of the advisory committee's report is available at:
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/lrc/projects.asp>.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION - 2012

During the 2012 session, the Judiciary Committee raised Senate Bill 418 which incorporated both the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act and the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act. Senate Bill 418 was favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee and approved by the Senate, but was not approved by the House of Representatives and therefore was not enacted into law. A copy of Senate Bill 418 and the related bill history is available at:
http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=418&which_year=2012&SUBMIT1.x=11&SUBMIT1.y=7

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES - 2012

According to the Office of Legislative Management, there were no expenditures attributed to the Law Revision Commission during the 2012 calendar year.