

CHAPTER 255

AN ACT concerning the membership of the New Jersey Tourism Advisory Council and amending PL.1977, c.225.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 7 of PL.1977, c.225 (C.34:1A-51) is amended to read as follows:

C.34:1A-51 New Jersey Tourism Advisory Council.

7. a. There is created in the division the New Jersey Tourism Advisory Council which shall consist of 19 members:

(1) Two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President thereof, not more than one of whom shall be of the same political party, and two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed by the Speaker thereof, not more than one of whom shall be of the same political party;

(2) Fourteen public members, not more than seven of whom shall be of the same political party, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated as chairman by the Governor for the term of the member's appointment, and 13 of whom shall be chosen from persons who by experience or training represent the areas of the tourist industry cited in subparagraphs (a) through (m) of this paragraph:

- (a) One representative of the lodging sector;
- (b) One representative of the food service sector;
- (c) One representative of the transportation sector;
- (d) One representative of a regional tourism council;
- (e) One representative of the convention and visitor bureaus sector;
- (f) One representative of the tour/receptive services sector;
- (g) One representative of the outdoor recreation sector;
- (h) One representative of the historical and cultural arts sector;
- (i) One representative of the entertainment or amusement sector;
- (j) One representative of the financial community;
- (k) One representative of the marketing/research sector;
- (l) One representative of the eco-tourism sector; and
- (m) One representative of a Statewide travel and tourism association representing the various sectors of the tourism industry; and

(3) The director, who shall be a nonvoting member of the council.

b. The members of the council shall be appointed to three-year terms, except that of the initial appointments, the chairman and each representative of the transportation, tour/receptive services, the financial community, and marketing and research interests shall be appointed to a three-year term, each representative of the lodging, food service, convention and visitors bureaus, and entertainment interests shall be appointed to a two-year term, and each representative of the regional tourism councils, outdoor recreation, and historical and cultural arts interests shall be appointed to a one-year term. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c.280).

d. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c.280).

e. The members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members.

f. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c.280).

g. The council shall meet at the call of the chairman and not less than four times a year.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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