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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LOTTERY AND GAMING REGULATION."

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

3 "Section 1. Section 12-569 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

5 (a) For purposes of this section, "delinquency assessment" means the
6 principal amount due but unremitted as of the stated past settlement
7 date, the penalty imposed by the commissioner and the interest due and
8 outstanding.

9 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) (1) If the president of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation
10 determines that any lottery sales agent has breached such agent's
11 fiduciary responsibility to the corporation in that the account of such
12 lottery sales agent with respect to moneys received from the sale of
13 lottery tickets has become delinquent [in accordance with regulations

14 adopted under section 12-568a] by failure to remit all moneys due and
15 owing upon the settlement date established by the Connecticut Lottery
16 Corporation, the president shall notify the commissioner of the breach
17 of fiduciary duty. [and the] The commissioner shall impose (A) a
18 [delinquency assessment] penalty upon such delinquent account equal
19 to ten per cent of the principal amount due but unremitted or ten dollars,
20 whichever amount is greater, [plus] which shall be effective upon
21 delivery of notice to the agent, and (B) simple interest at the rate of one
22 and one-half per cent of such principal amount due but unremitted for
23 each month or fraction of a month from the date such principal amount
24 is due but unremitted to the date of payment.

25 (2) A lottery sales agent whose account was delinquent prior to July
26 1, 2022, and whose delinquency assessment was subject to
27 compounding interest on June 30, 2022, may apply to the commissioner
28 on or after July 1, 2022, for a hardship waiver to reduce the amount of
29 interest delinquent, outstanding and payable to an amount based on
30 simple interest.

31 (3) A lottery sales agent whose account is delinquent on or after July
32 1, 2025, may file an application with the president of the Connecticut
33 Lottery Corporation for a hardship waiver to reduce the amount of
34 interest delinquent, outstanding and payable. Each lottery sales agent
35 applying for a hardship waiver shall pay, with such application, the
36 principal amount due but unremitted as of the stated past settlement
37 date and the penalty imposed in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
38 subsection, except that if the president determines that an undue
39 hardship exists which prevents such agent from paying the principal
40 amount due but unremitted as of the stated past settlement date and the
41 penalty at the time of application for such hardship waiver, the
42 president may enter into a payment schedule permitting an agent to pay
43 the principal amount due but unremitted and the penalty over a period
44 of time not to exceed one year from the date the hardship waiver is
45 provisionally granted by the president. An agent who fails to pay the
46 principal amount due but unremitted and the penalty in accordance

47 with a payment schedule entered into pursuant to this subdivision shall
48 be ineligible for a further hardship waiver pursuant to this subdivision.
49 If the president determines that it would be beneficial to the state to do
50 so, the president may reduce the amount of any interest delinquent,
51 outstanding and payable by such agent. The president shall establish
52 procedures, to be published and maintained on the Internet web site of
53 the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, specifying the requirements for
54 hardship waiver applications and the availability of payment plans. In
55 no event shall a hardship waiver result in a refund or credit of any
56 amount of money, penalty or interest previously paid by such agent.

57 [(3)] (4) Subject to the provisions of section 12-3a, the commissioner
58 may waive all or part of the penalties provided under this subsection
59 when it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to
60 pay such moneys to the state within the time allowed was due to
61 reasonable cause and was not intentional or due to neglect.

62 [(4)] (5) Any such delinquent lottery sales agent shall be notified of
63 such delinquency assessment and shall be afforded an opportunity to
64 contest the validity and amount of such assessment before the
65 commissioner who may conduct such hearing. Upon request of the
66 president of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, the commissioner
67 may prepare and sign a warrant directed to any state marshal, constable
68 or any collection agent employed by the Connecticut Lottery
69 Corporation for distraint upon any property of such delinquent lottery
70 sales agent within the state, whether personal or real property. An
71 itemized bill shall be attached to the warrant certified by the
72 commissioner as a true statement of the amount due from such lottery
73 sales agent. Such warrant shall have the same force and effect as an
74 execution issued in accordance with chapter 906. Such warrant shall be
75 levied on any real, personal, tangible or intangible property of such
76 agent and sale made pursuant to such warrant in the same manner and
77 with the same force and effect as a levy and sale pursuant to an
78 execution.

79 [(b)] (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with

80 the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.

81 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 12-810 of the general statutes is
82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
83 *1, 2025*):

84 (a) The Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, shall
85 apply to all actions, meetings and records of the corporation, except (1)
86 where otherwise limited by subsection (c) of this section as to new
87 lottery games and serial numbers of unclaimed lottery tickets, (2) with
88 respect to financial, credit and proprietary information submitted by
89 any person to the corporation in connection with any proposal to
90 provide goods, services or professional advice to the corporation as
91 provided in section 12-815, (3) with respect to any personally
92 identifying, financial, credit or wagering information associated with
93 any person's account for Internet games, as defined in section 12-850, as
94 amended by this act, and (4) where otherwise limited by subsection [(g)]
95 (h) of section 12-863, as amended by this act.

96 Sec. 3. Section 12-814 of the general statutes is repealed and the
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

98 (a) In each advertisement intended to promote the purchase of lottery
99 tickets issued for games authorized under sections 12-563a, 12-800 to 12-
100 818, inclusive, and 12-850 to 12-872, inclusive, as amended by this act,
101 the corporation shall include a prominent and clear statement of the
102 average chances of winning per specific lottery ticket. A prominent and
103 clear statement in any written digital or print advertising shall mean a
104 type font no smaller than ten per cent of the largest font included in such
105 advertisement, provided, for digital advertising posted in a physical
106 retail location, the type font shall be no smaller than ten per cent of the
107 largest font displayed that is applicable to the specific game to which
108 the odds apply.

109 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall apply to (1)
110 digital or print advertisements including, but not limited to, social

111 media, electronic mail communications, newspapers, magazines and
112 brochures and on posters, (2) video advertisements, and (3) audio-only
113 advertisements, except those that are less than thirty seconds for (A) the
114 sale of tickets for lottery draw games through the Internet, an online
115 service or a mobile application, or (B) keno through the Internet, an
116 online service or a mobile application.

117 (c) On or before October 1, 1999, the corporation shall implement a
118 code of standards for all advertisements and other activities intended to
119 promote the purchase of lottery tickets for games authorized pursuant
120 to this chapter. The code of standards shall include the requirement that
121 no advertisement or promotion shall denigrate the character or conduct
122 of nonlottery players or praise the character or conduct of lottery
123 players.

124 (d) The corporation shall not publish the name or address of any
125 person who redeems a winning lottery ticket, claims or is paid a
126 winning wager from online sports wagering or retail sports wagering or
127 is paid a prize from a fantasy contest, or publish the photograph of any
128 person who redeems a winning lottery ticket, [on the corporation's
129 Internet web site] claims or is paid a winning wager from online sports
130 wagering or retail sports wagering or is paid a prize from a fantasy
131 contest, without the prior written consent of such person. The
132 provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the
133 corporation from disclosing any such name, address or photograph
134 under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

135 [(e) If a person who redeems a winning lottery ticket requests to be
136 excluded from the list of winners published on the corporation's
137 Internet web site, the corporation shall remove such person's name from
138 such list not later than five days after receiving such request.]

139 Sec. 4. Section 12-815a of the general statutes is repealed and the
140 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

141 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue vendor,

142 affiliate, lottery sales agent and occupational licenses in a form and
143 manner prescribed by the commissioner and in accordance with the
144 provisions of this section.

145 (b) No person or business organization awarded a primary contract
146 by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to provide facilities,
147 components, goods or services that are necessary for and directly related
148 to the secure operation of the activities of said corporation shall do so
149 unless such person or business organization is issued a vendor license
150 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. For the purposes of this
151 subsection, "primary contract" means a contract to provide facilities,
152 components, goods or services to said corporation by a person or
153 business organization (1) that provides any lottery game or any online
154 wagering system related facilities, components, goods or services and
155 that receives or, in the exercise of reasonable business judgment, can be
156 expected to receive more than seventy-five thousand dollars or twenty-
157 five per cent of its gross annual sales from said corporation, or (2) that
158 has access to the facilities of said corporation and provides services in
159 such facilities without supervision by said corporation. Each applicant
160 for a vendor license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of two
161 hundred fifty dollars.

162 (c) (1) The Connecticut Lottery Corporation may employ the delivery
163 services of a business organization that does not hold a vendor license
164 for the purpose of transporting and delivering lottery tickets to lottery
165 sales agents, provided:

166 (A) All lottery tickets are securely packaged in tamper-evident
167 packaging by employees of the corporation on the premises of the
168 corporation while under video surveillance, the exterior of such
169 packaging does not contain any word, graphic or symbol indicating that
170 such packaging contains lottery tickets and the corporation does not
171 include the word "lottery" anywhere on such packaging, including in
172 the return address;

173 (B) All packages are tracked and require a signature upon delivery;

174 (C) The corporation creates and retains documentation for each
175 package, which documentation includes, at a minimum, the following
176 information: (i) The lottery game number; (ii) the pack number or
177 numbers; (iii) the lottery game name; (iv) the number of packs contained
178 in such package; (v) the name and address of the lottery sales agent who
179 is the intended recipient of the lottery tickets; (vi) the package shipment
180 date; and (vii) the name of the business organization delivering the
181 tickets from the corporation to the lottery sales agent.

182 (2) Prior to utilizing a business organization described in subdivision
183 (1) of this subsection for the purpose set forth in said subdivision, the
184 corporation shall provide a detailed plan to the department, in a form
185 and manner prescribed by the commissioner, which plan shall be
186 reviewed and approved or denied by the commissioner not later than
187 thirty days after the department receives such plan. Such plan shall
188 include, at a minimum, the following information:

189 (A) The name and contact information for the business organization;

190 (B) The proposed date to commence shipment through such business
191 organization;

192 (C) A detailed description of the specific tamper-evident packaging
193 to be used, which description shall include the security features for such
194 packaging;

195 (D) The additional security measures to be provided by the business
196 organization during transport and at the point of delivery; and

197 (E) A description of the processes to be employed by the business
198 organization in transporting the lottery tickets in the event a delivery is
199 unsuccessful.

200 (3) The corporation shall retain a copy of all documentation created
201 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection for not less than three
202 years. In the event the corporation is notified by a lottery sales agent that
203 a package of lottery tickets appears to be damaged, missing or otherwise

204 compromised at the time of delivery, the corporation shall immediately
205 notify the department and shall provide instructions to the lottery sales
206 agent to embargo the package until such time that the contents can be
207 verified against the documentation retained by the corporation.

208 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) No person or business organization, other than a shareholder
209 in a publicly traded corporation, may be a contractor or a subcontractor
210 for the provision of facilities, components, goods or services that are
211 necessary for and directly related to the secure operation of the activities
212 of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, or may exercise control in or
213 over a vendor licensee unless such person or business organization is
214 licensed as an affiliate licensee by the commissioner. Each applicant for
215 an affiliate license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of two
216 hundred fifty dollars.

217 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) (1) Each employee of a vendor or affiliate licensee who has
218 access to the facilities of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and
219 provides services in such facilities without supervision by said
220 corporation or performs duties directly related to the activities of said
221 corporation shall obtain an occupational license.

222 (2) Each officer, director, partner, trustee or owner of a business
223 organization licensed as a vendor or affiliate licensee and any
224 shareholder, executive, agent or other person connected with any
225 vendor or affiliate licensee who, in the judgment of the commissioner,
226 will exercise control in or over any such licensee shall obtain an
227 occupational license.

228 (3) Each employee of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall
229 obtain an occupational license.

230 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The commissioner shall issue occupational licenses in the
231 following classes: (1) Class I for persons specified in subdivision (1) of
232 subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section; (2) Class II for persons specified in
233 subdivision (2) of subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section; (3) Class III for
234 persons specified in subdivision (3) of subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section

235 who, in the judgment of the commissioner, will not exercise authority
236 over or direct the management and policies of the Connecticut Lottery
237 Corporation; and (4) Class IV for persons specified in subdivision (3) of
238 subsection [(d)] (e) of this section who, in the judgment of the
239 commissioner, will exercise authority over or direct the management
240 and policies of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation. Each applicant for
241 a Class I or III occupational license shall pay a nonrefundable
242 application fee of twenty dollars. Each applicant for a Class II or IV
243 occupational license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of one
244 hundred dollars. The nonrefundable application fee shall accompany
245 the application for each such occupational license. Applicants for such
246 licenses shall apply in a form and manner prescribed by the
247 commissioner.

248 (g) Each applicant for a Class III or Class IV occupational license, and
249 each employee of the corporation holding such a license on January 1,
250 2026, shall disclose, in a form and manner prescribed by the
251 commissioner, the forms of gaming under this chapter and chapter 229b
252 on which such applicant or such licensed employee will work as an
253 employee of the corporation. For an applicant approved for a Class III
254 or Class IV occupational license, or for an employee of the corporation
255 who currently holds such a license, the commissioner may issue a
256 separate endorsement authorizing such licensee to engage in the
257 corporation's operation, under chapter 229b, of Internet games or retail
258 sports wagering, as such terms are defined in section 12-850, as
259 amended by this act, and such employee shall not be required to apply
260 for a license pursuant to section 12-858, as amended by this act, or
261 section 12-859, as amended by this act, in order to engage in such
262 operation. All Class III or Class IV occupational licensees shall report to
263 the department any criminal conviction not later than two business days
264 after the order or judgment of such conviction is rendered. The
265 corporation and all Class III or Class IV occupational licensees shall
266 immediately report to the department any change in the scope of
267 employment of such licensee employed by the corporation that would
268 require the employee to obtain an additional endorsement pursuant to

269 this subsection.

270 [(f)] (h) No person or business organization may be a lottery sales
271 agent unless such person or organization is licensed as a lottery sales
272 agent by the commissioner.

273 [(g)] (i) In determining whether to grant a vendor, affiliate, lottery
274 sales agent or occupational license to any such person or business
275 organization, the commissioner may require an applicant to provide
276 information as to such applicant and person in charge related to: (1)
277 Financial standing and credit; (2) moral character; (3) criminal record, if
278 any; (4) previous employment; (5) corporate, partnership or association
279 affiliations; (6) ownership of personal assets; and (7) such other
280 information as the commissioner deems pertinent to the issuance of
281 such license, provided the submission of such other information will
282 assure the integrity of the state lottery. The commissioner shall require
283 each applicant for a vendor, affiliate, lottery sales agent or occupational
284 license, provided if an applicant for a lottery sales agent is a business
285 organization the commissioner shall require such entity's person in
286 charge to submit to state and national criminal history records checks
287 and may require each such applicant, or person in charge, to submit to
288 an international criminal history records check before such license is
289 issued. The state and national criminal history records checks required
290 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with
291 section 29-17a. The commissioner shall issue a vendor, affiliate, lottery
292 sales agent or occupational license, as the case may be, to each applicant
293 who satisfies the requirements of this subsection and who is deemed
294 qualified by the commissioner. [The commissioner may reject for good
295 cause an application for a vendor, affiliate, lottery sales agent or
296 occupational license.]

297 [(h)] (j) Each vendor, affiliate or Class I or II occupational license shall
298 be effective for not more than one year from the date of issuance. Each
299 Class III or IV occupational license shall remain in effect throughout the
300 term of employment of any such employee holding such a license. The
301 commissioner may require each employee issued a Class IV

302 occupational license to submit information as to such employee's
303 financial standing and credit annually. Initial application for and
304 renewal of any such license shall be in such form and manner as the
305 commissioner shall prescribe.

306 [(i)] (k) (1) Upon petition of the corporation, a vendor licensee or an
307 affiliate licensee, the department may authorize an applicant for an
308 occupational license to provisionally perform the work permitted under
309 the license applied for, if: (A) The applicant has filed a completed
310 occupational license application in the form and manner required by the
311 commissioner, and (B) the corporation, vendor licensee or affiliate
312 licensee attests that the provisional authorization is necessary to
313 continue the efficient operation of the lottery, and is based on
314 circumstances that are extraordinary and not designed to circumvent
315 the otherwise applicable licensing procedures.

316 (2) The department may issue a provisional authorization to an
317 applicant for an occupational license in advance of issuance or denial of
318 such license for a period not to exceed six months. Provisional
319 authorization shall permit such applicant to perform the functions and
320 require the applicant to comply with the requirements of the
321 occupational license applied for as set forth in the provisions of this
322 chapter and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter. Provisional
323 authorization shall not constitute approval for an occupational license.
324 During the period of time that any provisional authorization is in effect,
325 the applicant granted such authorization shall be subject to and comply
326 with all applicable statutes and regulations. Any provisional
327 authorization issued by the department shall expire immediately upon
328 the earlier of: (A) The date of issuance of written notice from the
329 department that the occupational license has been approved or denied,
330 or (B) six months after the date the provisional authorization was issued.

331 (3) An individual whose occupational license application is denied
332 after a period of provisional authorization shall not reapply for an
333 occupational license for a period of one year from the date of the denial.

334 (4) An individual whose provisional authorization expires pursuant
335 to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection may apply for
336 an additional provisional authorization. The department may issue such
337 additional provisional authorization upon a determination that the
338 conditions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection
339 exist.

340 [(j)] (l) When an incident occurs, or is reasonably suspected to have
341 occurred, that causes a disruption in the operation, security, accuracy,
342 integrity or availability of the lottery gaming system, the vendor
343 licensed to provide such lottery gaming system shall, immediately upon
344 discovery of such incident, but not later than twenty-four hours after
345 discovery of such incident, provide the department with a written
346 incident report including the details of the incident and the vendor's
347 proposed corrections. Not later than five business days after notifying
348 the department of an incident, the vendor licensee shall provide the
349 department with a written incident report that (1) details the incident,
350 including the root cause of the incident, and (2) outlines the vendor's
351 plan to make corrections, mitigate the effects of the incident and prevent
352 incidents of a similar nature from occurring in the future. If the vendor
353 licensee is unable to determine the root cause and correct the incident
354 within the initial five business days, the licensee shall continue to
355 update the department every five business days with written incident
356 reports until the root cause is determined and the incident is corrected.
357 The department may require the vendor licensee to submit the lottery
358 gaming system to a gaming laboratory for recertification.

359 [(k)] (m) (1) [The] After a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54,
360 the commissioner may, for good cause, suspend, [or] revoke, [for good
361 cause] refuse to renew or place conditions on a vendor, affiliate, lottery
362 sales agent or occupational licensee, [after a hearing held before the
363 commissioner in accordance with chapter 54] deny an application for
364 any such license or impose a civil penalty on a vendor, affiliate, lottery
365 sales agent or occupational licensee for cause, including, but not limited
366 to: (A) Any failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter, chapter

367 226 or the regulations adopted pursuant to said chapters; (B) any
368 conduct likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the public or the
369 commissioner; (C) any provision of materially false or misleading
370 information; (D) any criminal conviction or civil judgment involving
371 fraud, theft or another financial crime; (E) any demonstrated insolvency,
372 including, but not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition or any
373 failure to meet material financial obligations that directly impact the
374 licensee's ability to operate in compliance with the provisions of this
375 chapter and chapter 226; or (F) any failure to complete an application.
376 The commissioner may order summary suspension of any such license
377 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 4-182.

378 (2) Any such applicant aggrieved by the action of the commissioner
379 concerning an application for a license, or any person or business
380 organization whose license is suspended or revoked, may appeal
381 pursuant to section 4-183.

382 (3) The commissioner may impose a civil penalty on any licensee for
383 a violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted
384 under section 12-568a in an amount not to exceed two thousand five
385 hundred dollars per violation after a hearing held in accordance with
386 chapter 54.

387 (4) No lottery sales agent shall keep any unauthorized gambling
388 device, illegitimate lottery ticket or illegal bookmaking equipment, or
389 allow any professional gambling, as defined in section 53-278a, at the
390 lottery sales agent's retail facility. In the event the department finds any
391 unauthorized gambling device, illegitimate lottery ticket, illegal
392 bookmaking equipment or professional gambling at a lottery sales
393 agent's retail facility, the lottery sales agent shall be fined not more than
394 four thousand dollars per violation, and the commissioner shall issue a
395 notice of violation to the lottery sales agent that (A) includes an order
396 summarily suspending the lottery sales agent license the commissioner
397 issued to the lottery sales agent, and (B) notifies the suspended lottery
398 sales agent that the suspended lottery sales agent (i) is liable for the fine
399 imposed pursuant to this subdivision, (ii) shall immediately cease all

400 activity that requires a lottery sales agent license, and (iii) may, not later
401 than fifteen days after the lottery sales agent receives such notice of
402 violation, submit to the commissioner a written request that a hearing
403 be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 concerning such
404 summary suspension and fine. If the suspended lottery sales agent
405 requests a hearing within such fifteen-day period, the commissioner
406 shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
407 concerning such summary suspension and fine. If the suspended lottery
408 sales agent does not request a hearing within such fifteen-day period,
409 the summary suspension order issued, and fine imposed, pursuant to
410 this subdivision shall be deemed a final decision subject to appeal
411 pursuant to section 4-183. A summary suspension order issued
412 pursuant to this subdivision shall remain in effect until the summary
413 suspension is lifted and all fines imposed pursuant to this subdivision
414 have been paid. The summary suspension may be lifted by a written
415 order issued by the commissioner or upon a final decision rendered
416 after a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

417 ~~[(l)]~~ (n) The commissioner may require that the books and records of
418 any vendor or affiliate licensee be maintained in any manner which the
419 commissioner may deem best, and that any financial or other statements
420 based on such books and records be prepared in accordance with
421 generally accepted accounting principles in such form as the
422 commissioner shall prescribe. The commissioner or a designee may
423 visit, investigate and place expert accountants and such other persons
424 as deemed necessary in the offices or places of business of any such
425 licensee, or require that the books and records of any such licensee be
426 provided to the department, for the purpose of satisfying [himself or
427 herself] the commissioner that such licensee is in compliance with the
428 regulations ~~[of]~~ adopted by the department.

429 ~~[(m)]~~ (o) For the purposes of this section, (1) "business organization"
430 means a partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association, firm,
431 corporation, limited liability company, trust or other form of business
432 or legal entity; (2) "control" means the power to exercise authority over

433 or direct the management and policies of a licensee; and (3) "person"
434 means any individual.

435 [(n)] (p) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt such
436 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, as are necessary to
437 implement the provisions of this section.

438 Sec. 5. Section 12-850 of the general statutes is repealed and the
439 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

440 For the purposes of this section and sections 12-851 to 12-871,
441 inclusive, and section 6 of this act:

442 (1) "Business entity" means any partnership, limited liability
443 company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate,
444 receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other
445 person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether
446 appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof;

447 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
448 Protection or the commissioner's designee;

449 (3) "Connecticut intercollegiate team" means any team associated
450 with an intercollegiate program of a university or college of the state
451 system of public higher education, as described in section 10a-1, an
452 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-
453 173, or a for-profit college or university physically located in the state
454 that offers in-person classes within the state;

455 (4) "Consumables" means nondurable items, including, but not
456 limited to, dice, playing cards and roulette balls, used in live online
457 casino gaming;

458 (5) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

459 (6) "Electronic wagering platform" means the combination of
460 hardware, software and data networks used to manage, administer,
461 offer or control Internet games or retail sports wagering at a facility in

462 this state;

463 (7) "E-bingo machine" means an electronic device categorized as a
464 class II machine under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L.
465 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq. used to play bingo that is confined to a
466 game cabinet and is substantially similar in appearance and play to a
467 class III slot machine. "E-bingo machine" does not include any other
468 electronic device, aid, instrument, tool or other technological aid used
469 in the play of any in-person class II bingo game;

470 (8) "Entry fee" means the amount of cash or cash equivalent that is
471 required to be paid by an individual to a master wagering licensee in
472 order for such individual to participate in a fantasy contest;

473 (9) "E-sports" means electronic sports and competitive video games
474 played as a game of skill;

475 (10) "Fantasy contest" means any fantasy or simulated game or
476 contest with an entry fee, conducted over the Internet, including
477 through an Internet web site or a mobile device, in which: (A) The value
478 of all prizes and awards offered to a winning fantasy contest player is
479 established and made known to the players in advance of the game or
480 contest; (B) all winning outcomes reflect the knowledge and skill of the
481 players and are determined predominantly by accumulated statistical
482 results of the performance of participants in events; and (C) no winning
483 outcome is based on the score, point spread or any performance of any
484 single team or combination of teams or solely on any single performance
485 of a contestant or player in any single event. "Fantasy contest" does not
486 include lottery games;

487 (11) "Gaming entity licensee" means a master wagering licensee, a
488 licensed online gaming operator, a licensed online gaming service
489 provider or a licensed sports wagering retailer;

490 (12) "Handling consumables" means physical contact with, or
491 supervisory oversight over the acceptance, inventory, storage or
492 destruction of, consumables, as well as being responsible for card

493 inspection, counting and shuffling;

494 (13) "Internet games" means (A) online casino gaming; (B) online
495 sports wagering; (C) fantasy contests; (D) keno through the Internet, an
496 online service or a mobile application; and (E) the sale of tickets for
497 lottery draw games through the Internet, an online service or a mobile
498 application;

499 (14) "Keno" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-801;

500 (15) "Key employee" means an individual with the following position
501 or an equivalent title associated with a master wagering licensee or a
502 licensed online gaming service provider, online gaming operator or
503 sports wagering retailer: (A) President or chief officer, who is the top
504 ranking individual of the licensee and is responsible for all staff and the
505 overall direction of business operations; (B) financial manager, who is
506 the individual who reports to the president or chief officer who is
507 generally responsible for oversight of the financial operations of the
508 licensee, including, but not limited to, revenue generation, distributions,
509 tax compliance and budget implementation; (C) compliance manager,
510 who is the individual that reports to the president or chief officer and
511 who is generally responsible for ensuring the licensee complies with all
512 laws, regulations and requirements related to the operation of the
513 licensee; (D) chief information officer, who is the individual generally
514 responsible for establishing policies or procedures on, or making
515 management decisions related to, information systems; or (E) chief data
516 security officer, who is the individual generally responsible for
517 establishing policies or procedures on, or making management
518 decisions related to, technical systems. "Key employee" includes an
519 individual (i) who is responsible for establishing the policies or
520 procedures on, or making management decisions related to, wagering
521 structures or outcomes for a licensee; or (ii) who has an ownership
522 interest that is five per cent or more of the total ownership or interest
523 rights in the licensee. Tribal membership in and of itself shall not
524 constitute ownership for purposes of this subdivision;

525 (16) "Live game employee" means an employee of a master wagering
526 licensee or a licensed online gaming operator or online gaming service
527 provider that is operating live online casino gaming who is (A)
528 responsible for handling consumables in a live online casino authorized
529 under this chapter; [,] (B) responsible for presenting live online casino
530 gaming in a live online casino authorized under this chapter; [,] or (C) a
531 direct manager of an individual who is a live game employee under
532 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision;

533 (17) "Lottery draw game" means any game in which one or more
534 numbers, letters or symbols are randomly drawn at predetermined
535 times, but not more frequently than once every four minutes, from a
536 range of numbers, letters or symbols, and prizes are paid to players
537 possessing winning plays, as set forth in each game's official game rules.
538 "Lottery draw game" does not include keno, any game for which lottery
539 draw tickets are not available through a lottery sales agent or any game
540 that simulates online casino gaming;

541 (18) "Lottery sales agent" means a person that contracts with the
542 Connecticut Lottery Corporation to sell lottery tickets or offer keno at a
543 retail facility in the state and not over the Internet, and is licensed in
544 accordance with chapters 226 and 229a;

545 (19) "Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding" means
546 the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the
547 state and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe on January 13, 1993, as
548 amended from time to time;

549 (20) "Mashantucket Pequot procedures" means the Final
550 Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary
551 of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to 25 USC
552 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) and published in 56 Federal Register 24996 (May 31,
553 1991), as amended from time to time;

554 (21) "Master wagering licensee" means (A) the Mashantucket Pequot
555 Tribe, or an instrumentality of or an affiliate wholly-owned by said tribe,

556 if licensed to operate online sports wagering, online casino gaming and
557 fantasy contests pursuant to section 12-852; (B) the Mohegan Tribe of
558 Indians of Connecticut, or an instrumentality of or an affiliate wholly-
559 owned by said tribe, if licensed to operate online sports wagering, online
560 casino gaming and fantasy contests pursuant to section 12-852; or (C)
561 the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, if licensed pursuant to section 12-
562 853 to operate retail sports wagering, online sports wagering, fantasy
563 contests and keno and to sell tickets for lottery draw games through the
564 Internet, an online service or a mobile application;

565 (22) "Mohegan compact" means the Tribal-State Compact entered
566 into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
567 Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time;

568 (23) "Mohegan memorandum of understanding" means the
569 memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state
570 and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as
571 amended from time to time;

572 (24) "Occupational employee" means an employee of a master
573 wagering licensee or a licensed online gaming operator, online gaming
574 service provider or sports wagering retailer;

575 (25) "Off-track betting system licensee" means the person or business
576 organization licensed to operate the off-track betting system pursuant
577 to chapter 226;

578 (26) "Online casino gaming" or "online casino games" means (A) slots,
579 blackjack, craps, roulette, baccarat, poker and video poker, bingo, live
580 dealer and other peer-to-peer games and any variations of such games;
581 [.] and (B) any games authorized by the department, conducted over the
582 Internet, including through an Internet web site or a mobile device,
583 through an electronic wagering platform that does not require a bettor
584 to be physically present at a facility;

585 (27) "Online gaming operator" means a person or business entity that
586 operates an electronic wagering platform and contracts directly with a

587 master wagering licensee to offer (A) one or more Internet games on
588 behalf of such licensee; [,] or (B) retail sports wagering on behalf of such
589 licensee at a facility in this state;

590 (28) "Online gaming service provider" means a person or business
591 entity, other than an online gaming operator, that provides goods or
592 services to, or otherwise transacts business related to Internet games or
593 retail sports wagering with, a master wagering licensee or a licensed
594 online gaming operator, online gaming service provider or sports
595 wagering retailer;

596 (29) "Online sports wagering" means sports wagering conducted over
597 the Internet, including through an Internet web site or a mobile device,
598 through an electronic wagering platform that does not require a sports
599 bettor to be physically present at a facility that conducts retail sports
600 wagering;

601 (30) "Retail sports wagering" means in-person sports wagering
602 requiring a sports bettor to be physically present at one of the up to
603 fifteen facility locations of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation or a
604 licensed sports wagering retailer in this state;

605 (31) "Skin" means the branded or cobranded name and logo on the
606 interface of an Internet web site or a mobile application that bettors use
607 to access an electronic wagering platform for Internet games;

608 (32) "Sporting event" (A) means any [(A)] (i) sporting or athletic event
609 at which two or more persons participate, individually or on a team, and
610 may be eligible to receive compensation in excess of actual expenses for
611 such participation in such sporting or athletic event; [(B)] (ii) sporting or
612 athletic event sponsored by an intercollegiate athletic program of an
613 institution of higher education or an association of such programs,
614 except for those in which one of the participants is a Connecticut
615 intercollegiate team and the event is not in connection with a permitted
616 intercollegiate tournament; [(C)] (iii) Olympic or international sports
617 competition event; or [(D)] (iv) e-sports event, except for those in which

618 one of the participants is a Connecticut intercollegiate team and the
619 event is not in connection with a permitted intercollegiate tournament;
620 and (B) does not include horse racing, jai alai or greyhound racing. As
621 used in this subdivision, "permitted intercollegiate tournament" means
622 an intercollegiate e-sports, sporting or athletic event involving four or
623 more intercollegiate teams that involves one or more Connecticut
624 intercollegiate teams and the wager on the tournament is based on the
625 outcome of all games within the tournament; [. "Sporting event" does
626 not include horse racing, jai alai or greyhound racing;]

627 (33) "Sports governing body" means the organization that prescribes
628 final rules and enforces codes of conduct with respect to a sporting event
629 and participants in the sporting event;

630 (34) "Sports wagering" means risking or accepting any money, credit,
631 deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in part,
632 (A) by any system or method of wagering, including, but not limited to,
633 in person or through an electronic wagering platform; [.] and (B) based
634 on (i) a live sporting event or a portion or portions of a live sporting
635 event, including future or propositional events during such an event; [.]
636 or (ii) the individual performance statistics of an athlete or athletes in a
637 sporting event or a combination of sporting events. "Sports wagering"
638 does not include the payment of an entry fee to play a fantasy contest or
639 a fee to participate in e-sports; [and]

640 (35) "Sports wagering retailer" means a person or business entity that
641 contracts with the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to facilitate retail
642 sports wagering operated by said corporation through an electronic
643 wagering platform at up to fifteen facilities in this state; and

644 (36) "Wager" (A) means any money, credit, deposit or cash
645 equivalent, including, but not limited to, any free play, loyalty point or
646 other redeemable betting credit, or any other thing of value, that is
647 risked or accepted based on an uncertain occurrence or an uncertain
648 outcome of an event; and (B) does not include any entry fee.

649 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For purposes of this section:

650 (1) "House rules" means the terms and conditions for sports
651 wagering; and

652 (2) "Internal controls" means the written system of administrative and
653 accounting processes and procedures implemented or anticipated to be
654 implemented at a master wagering licensee or online gaming operator
655 that are designed to ensure compliance with chapter 229b of the general
656 statutes and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including, but not
657 limited to, (A) financial reporting, (B) effectiveness and security of
658 operations, (C) "know your customer" procedures, and (D) deterring
659 fraud and anti-money laundering.

660 (b) (1) (A) An online gaming operator may void any sports wagers
661 that the online gaming operator has accepted from patrons, without
662 obtaining prior approval from the department, if:

663 (i) The sporting event for which such wagers were accepted has been
664 cancelled, delayed for more than twenty-four hours beyond the
665 originally scheduled start time of such sporting event or has been
666 transferred to another venue;

667 (ii) Such wagers were accepted on sporting event players that take no
668 part in the sporting event;

669 (iii) Such wagers were accepted for an act, or set of acts, to be
670 performed during a sporting event and such act, or set of acts, does not
671 occur;

672 (iv) Such wagers were accepted based on a specific team qualifying
673 to participate in a post-season tournament and a reduction has been
674 made in the number of teams that are allowed to participate in such
675 tournament; or

676 (v) Such wagers were accepted on a sporting event and (I) there has
677 been a change in the format of, or the number of participants scheduled

678 to participated in, a phase of the sporting event, or (II) a phase of the
679 sporting event is no longer scheduled to occur.

680 (B) For all sports wagers voided under subparagraph (A) of this
681 subdivision, the online gaming operator shall reflect such voidance in
682 the patrons' online gaming accounts and promptly credit the funds from
683 such voided wagers to such patrons' online gaming accounts.

684 (C) Each sports wagering retailer shall post and maintain a notice that
685 informs patrons how to determine whether a sports wager has been
686 voided subject to the house rules and how to receive a refund for a
687 voided sports wager. Such notice shall be (i) in a form and manner
688 approved by the commissioner, (ii) at least eight and one-half inches by
689 eleven inches in size, (iii) in at least twenty-point font, and (iv) posted
690 and maintained at any location in such sports wagering retailer's facility
691 or facilities where a patron may place a sports wager.

692 (2) An online gaming operator shall modify or void a sports wager
693 that the online gaming operator has accepted from a patron, without
694 obtaining prior approval from the department, if:

695 (A) The patron requests that the online gaming operator modify or
696 void such wager prior to the sporting event for which such wager was
697 accepted; and

698 (B) (i) The online gaming operator, or the electronic wagering
699 platform operated by the online gaming operator, erroneously
700 communicated the type, amount or parameters of such wager to the
701 patron, or (ii) an employee of a sports wagering retailer committed an
702 error in entering such wager into the electronic wagering platform
703 operated by the online gaming operator.

704 (3) Each online gaming operator shall maintain a change log record
705 of all sports wagers that such online gaming operator voids or modifies
706 pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. Such record shall be
707 maintained in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. For
708 each such wager, such record shall, at a minimum, include the following

709 information:

710 (A) The name of the affected patron;

711 (B) The reason the online gaming operator voided or modified such
712 wager;

713 (C) The type of such wager, broken down by market;

714 (D) The sporting event associated with such wager and the date or
715 dates on which such sporting event occurred or was scheduled to occur;
716 and

717 (E) Any other information the commissioner, in the commissioner's
718 discretion, requires to properly identify and assess the impact of such
719 voided or modified wager.

720 (c) (1) If an online gaming operator may not void a specific sports
721 wager under subsection (b) of this section, the online gaming operator
722 may submit a written request to the department, in a form and manner
723 prescribed by the commissioner, to void such wager. Such request shall,
724 at a minimum, include the following information:

725 (A) The reason for such request;

726 (B) The name of each patron who would be affected by voiding such
727 wager;

728 (C) The sporting event associated with such wager and the date or
729 dates on which the sporting event occurred or was scheduled to occur;

730 (D) The type of such wager;

731 (E) The total amount of such wager; and

732 (F) The online gaming operator's plan to contact the patrons who
733 would be affected by voiding such wager.

734 (2) Upon receiving a written request submitted under subdivision (1)

735 of this subsection, the department may request, and the online gaming
736 operator shall disclose to the department, any additional information
737 the department requires in order to review such request and assess the
738 potential impact that granting such request would have on the affected
739 patrons and the integrity of gaming.

740 (3) No online gaming operator that submits a request to the
741 department under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall void any
742 sports wager that is the subject of the request unless the department has
743 issued a written notice to the online gaming operator, in a form and
744 manner prescribed by the commissioner, approving such request.

745 (d) (1) Not later than September 1, 2025, each online gaming operator
746 shall submit to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the
747 commissioner, such online gaming operator's internal controls
748 concerning voiding sports wagers and allocating patron funds. The
749 department shall review such internal controls to ensure that such
750 internal controls (A) provide for affected patrons to be notified not later
751 than twenty-four hours after the department approves a request to void
752 any sports wager, regardless of whether such wager was placed online
753 or at a sports wagering retailer facility, (B) provide for the prompt return
754 of patron funds after the online gaming operator or sports wagering
755 retailer voids any sports wager, and (C) address any other matter the
756 commissioner, in the commissioner's discretion, determines is integral
757 to preserving the integrity of gaming. Not later than December 1, 2025,
758 the department shall send notice to each online gaming operator
759 disclosing whether the department has approved or disapproved the
760 internal controls such online gaming operator submitted to the
761 department pursuant to this subdivision.

762 (2) If the department approves an online gaming operator's internal
763 controls pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the online
764 gaming operator shall include such internal controls in the online
765 gaming operator's house rules, and the online gaming operator shall
766 display such house rules in a clear and conspicuous location on the
767 electronic wagering platform operated by the online gaming operator.

768 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 12-858 of the general statutes is
769 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
770 *1, 2025*):

771 (a) An occupational employee, other than a key employee, of a master
772 wagering licensee or a licensed online gaming operator, online gaming
773 service provider or sports wagering retailer who will be directly or
774 substantially involved in the operation of Internet games or retail sports
775 wagering in a manner impacting the integrity of such gaming or
776 wagering, data security, patron interaction, game or equipment testing
777 or any other aspect of the gaming activity of a licensee that impacts the
778 integrity of gaming, shall obtain an occupational employee license prior
779 to commencing such employment. An employee of the Connecticut
780 Lottery Corporation holding an active Class III or Class IV license with
781 an endorsement to operate Internet games or retail sports wagering
782 issued pursuant to subsection (g) of section 12-815a, as amended by this
783 act, shall not be required to obtain an occupational employee license
784 pursuant to this section. An occupational employee shall be deemed to
785 be directly or substantially involved in the operation of Internet games
786 or retail sports wagering in a manner impacting the integrity of such
787 gaming or wagering if such employee: (1) Has the capability of affecting
788 the outcome of a wager through deployment of code to production for
789 any critical component of an electronic wagering platform; (2) (A) can
790 deploy code to production, and (B) directly supervises individuals who
791 have the capability of affecting the outcome of Internet games through
792 deployment of code to production for other than read-only access or the
793 equivalent access to any critical component of an electronic wagering
794 platform; or (3) directly manages gaming operations or directly
795 supervises an individual who directly manages gaming operations. For
796 purposes of this subsection, [a] "critical component" means a component
797 of an electronic wagering platform that records, stores, processes,
798 shares, transmits or receives sensitive information, such as validation
799 numbers and personal identification numbers, or which stores the
800 results or the current state of a participant's wager for an Internet game.

801 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 12-859 of the general statutes is
802 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
803 *1, 2025*):

804 (b) A key employee of a master wagering licensee or licensed online
805 gaming operator, online gaming service provider or sports wagering
806 retailer shall obtain a key employee license from the department
807 pursuant to this section. An employee of the Connecticut Lottery
808 Corporation holding an active Class III or Class IV license with an
809 endorsement to operate Internet games or retail sports wagering issued
810 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 12-815a, as amended by this act,
811 shall not be required to obtain a key employee license pursuant to this
812 section. The commissioner may establish, through regulations adopted
813 pursuant to section 12-865, criteria to exercise discretion to determine
814 that an individual who is a key employee is not required to be licensed
815 as a key employee in order to protect the integrity of gaming.

816 Sec. 9. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 12-859a of the general statutes
817 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
818 *from passage*):

819 (a) A live game employee, other than an individual who holds a key
820 employee license, [who will be directly or substantially involved in the
821 operation of live online casino gaming in a manner impacting the
822 integrity of such gaming,] shall obtain a live game employee license
823 prior to commencing such employment.

824 (b) (1) A live game employee shall apply for a live game employee
825 license on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Such
826 form shall require the applicant to: [(1)] (A) Submit to a fingerprint-
827 based state and national criminal history records check conducted in
828 accordance with section 29-17a, which may include a financial history
829 check if requested by the commissioner, to determine the character and
830 fitness of the applicant for the license, [(2)] (B) provide information
831 related to other business affiliations, and [(3)] (C) provide, or allow the
832 department to obtain, such other information as the department

833 determines is consistent with the requirements of this section in order
834 to determine the fitness of the applicant to hold a license.

835 (2) No person shall review a state and national criminal history
836 records check conducted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision
837 (1) of this subsection unless: (A) Such person is employed by the
838 department, and (B) the department has authorized such person to
839 review such state and national criminal history records check.

840 Sec. 10. Section 12-859c of the general statutes is repealed and the
841 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

842 In place of the criminal history records check required of an applicant
843 for a key employee license under subsection (c) of section 12-859, an
844 applicant for a live game employee license under subsection (b) of
845 section 12-859a, as amended by this act, an applicant for a lottery sales
846 agent license, or person in charge of such agent, under subsection [(g)]
847 (i) of section 12-815a, as amended by this act, the commissioner may
848 accept from such applicant the submission of a third-party local and
849 national criminal background check that includes a multistate and
850 multijurisdictional criminal record locator or other similar commercial
851 nation-wide database with validation, and other such background
852 screening as the commissioner may require. Any such third-party
853 criminal background check shall be conducted by a third-party
854 consumer reporting agency or background screening company that is in
855 compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and accredited
856 by the Professional Background Screening Association.

857 Sec. 11. Section 12-863 of the general statutes is repealed and the
858 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

859 (a) (1) An individual may only place a sports wager through retail
860 sports wagering or online sports wagering outside of the reservations of
861 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
862 Connecticut or place a wager through online casino gaming conducted
863 outside of such reservations, if the wagering is authorized pursuant to

864 sections 12-852 to 12-854, inclusive, and the individual (A) has attained
865 the age of twenty-one, and (B) is physically present in the state when
866 placing the wager, and, in the case of retail sports wagering, is
867 physically present at a retail sports wagering facility in this state.

868 (2) An individual may only participate in a fantasy contest outside of
869 the reservations of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan
870 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut if the contest is authorized pursuant to
871 section 12-852 or 12-853, and the individual has attained the age of
872 eighteen.

873 (b) Any electronic wagering platform used to (1) conduct online
874 sports wagering or online casino gaming, (2) conduct keno through the
875 Internet web site, an online service or a mobile application of the
876 Connecticut Lottery Corporation, (3) conduct retail sports wagering, (4)
877 sell lottery draw game tickets through the Internet web site, online
878 service or mobile application of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, or
879 (5) conduct fantasy contests, shall be developed to:

880 (A) Verify that an individual (i) with an account for online sports
881 wagering, online casino gaming or retail sports wagering is twenty-one
882 years of age or older and is physically present in the state when placing
883 a wager or, in the case of retail sports wagering, is physically present at
884 a retail sports wagering facility, (ii) with an account to participate in
885 keno or to purchase lottery draw game tickets is eighteen years of age
886 or older and is physically present in the state when participating or
887 purchasing such tickets, or (iii) with an account for fantasy contests is
888 eighteen years of age or older;

889 (B) Provide a mechanism to prevent the unauthorized use of a
890 wagering account; and

891 (C) Maintain the security of wagering, participation or purchasing
892 data and other confidential information.

893 (c) A master wagering licensee and a licensed online gaming
894 operator, online gaming service provider and sports wagering retailer

- 895 shall each, where applicable based on the services provided:
- 896 (1) Prohibit an individual from establishing more than one account
897 on each electronic wagering platform operated by the licensee;
- 898 (2) Limit a person to the use of only one debit card or only one credit
899 card for an account, and place a monetary limit on the use of a credit
900 card over a period of time, provided single-use stored value instruments
901 purchased by cash or debit card only, including, but not limited to, a gift
902 card or a lottery terminal printed value voucher, may be used pursuant
903 to subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 12-853;
- 904 (3) Allow a person to limit the amount of money that may be
905 deposited into an account, and spent per day through an account;
- 906 (4) Provide that any money in an online account belongs solely to the
907 owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the owner;
- 908 (5) Establish a voluntary self-exclusion process to allow a person to
909 (A) exclude himself or herself from establishing an account, (B) exclude
910 himself or herself from placing wagers through an account, or (C) limit
911 the amount such person may spend using such an account;
- 912 (6) Provide responsible gambling and problem gambling information
913 to participants; and
- 914 (7) Conspicuously display on each applicable Internet web site or
915 mobile application:
- 916 (A) A link to a description of the provisions of this subsection;
- 917 (B) A link to responsible gambling information;
- 918 (C) A toll-free telephone number an individual may use to obtain
919 information about problem gambling;
- 920 (D) A link to information about the voluntary self-exclusion process
921 described in subdivision (5) of this subsection;

922 (E) A clear display or periodic pop-up message of the amount of time
923 an individual has spent on the operator's Internet web site or mobile
924 application;

925 (F) A means to initiate a break in play to discourage excessive play;
926 and

927 (G) A clear display of the amount of money available to the
928 individual in his or her account.

929 (d) At least every five years, each master wagering licensee shall be
930 subject to an independent review of operations conducted pursuant to
931 such license for responsible play, as assessed by industry standards and
932 performed by a third party approved by the department, which review
933 shall be paid for by the licensee.

934 (e) Advertising, marketing and other promotional materials
935 published, aired, displayed or disseminated by or on behalf of any
936 gaming entity licensee shall:

937 (1) Not depict an individual who is, or appears to be, under twenty-
938 one years of age, unless such individual is a professional athlete or a
939 collegiate athlete who, if permitted by applicable law, is able to profit
940 from the use of his or her name and likeness;

941 (2) Not be aimed exclusively or primarily at individuals under
942 twenty-one years of age, or at individuals under eighteen years of age if
943 pertaining exclusively to keno, online lottery ticket sales or fantasy
944 contests, or any combination thereof;

945 (3) Not directly advertise, target or promote Internet games or retail
946 sports wagering to specific individuals, rather than a general audience,
947 who are excluded pursuant to a self-exclusion process as described in
948 subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this section, through methods,
949 including, but not limited to, electronic mail, telephone calls, text
950 messages, direct messaging applications, mail and social media;

951 (4) State that individuals shall be eighteen or twenty-one years of age
952 or older, as applicable, to participate in the type of gaming advertised,
953 marketed or promoted;

954 (5) Not contain images, symbols, celebrity or entertainer
955 endorsements or language designed to appeal specifically to those
956 under twenty-one years of age, or, if pertaining exclusively to keno,
957 online lottery ticket sales or fantasy contests, or any combination
958 thereof, to those under eighteen years of age;

959 (6) Not contain inaccurate or misleading information that would
960 reasonably be expected to confuse and mislead patrons in order to
961 induce them to engage in gaming;

962 (7) Not be published, aired, displayed or disseminated to a media
963 outlet or on social media, that appeal primarily to individuals under
964 twenty-one years of age, or, if pertaining exclusively to keno, online
965 lottery ticket sales or fantasy contests, or any combination thereof, to
966 those under eighteen years of age;

967 (8) Not be placed before any audience where the majority of the
968 viewers or participants is presumed to be under twenty-one years of
969 age, or, if pertaining exclusively to keno, online lottery ticket sales or
970 fantasy contests, or any combination thereof, to those under eighteen
971 years of age;

972 (9) Not imply greater chances of winning compared to other
973 licensees;

974 (10) Not imply greater chances of winning based on wagering in
975 greater quantity or amount, except for [a lottery draw game that was
976 approved prior to January 1, 2024, is available for patron wagering as of
977 June 6, 2024, includes] online keno and online lottery draw games that
978 include game features approved by the department that increase the
979 chances of winning; [and is not exclusively sold by lottery sales agents;]

980 (11) Not contain claims or representations that gaming will guarantee

981 an individual's social, financial or personal success;

982 (12) Not use any type, size, location, lighting, illustration, graphic,
983 depiction or color resulting in the obscuring of any material fact; and

984 (13) If a direct or targeted advertisement or promotion sent to an
985 individual, including, but not limited to, electronic mail or text message,
986 include a clear and conspicuous Internet link that allows the recipient to
987 unsubscribe by clicking on one link.

988 (f) No online casino game shall display or include any in-game
989 verbiage or graphic that (1) is inaccurate or misleading and would
990 reasonably be expected to confuse or mislead patrons (A) in order to
991 induce patrons to engage in gaming, or (B) by implying a greater chance
992 of winning (i) compared to the online casino games offered by other
993 licensees, or (ii) based on wagering in any greater quantity or amount,
994 or (2) by virtue of the type, size, location, highlighting, illustration,
995 depiction or color of such in-game verbiage or graphic, obscures any
996 material fact.

997 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) No master wagering licensee, online gaming operator licensee
998 or sports wagering retailer licensee may enter into an agreement with a
999 third party to conduct advertising or marketing on behalf of, or to the
1000 benefit of, such licensee that provides that compensation is dependent
1001 on, or related to, the volume of individuals who become patrons, the
1002 volume or amount of wagers placed or the outcome of wagers. A master
1003 wagering licensee or online gaming operator licensee may compensate
1004 a third party for advertising services based on the click through of an
1005 individual to an online gaming operator licensee's Internet web site,
1006 provided such compensation is not based on an individual creating an
1007 account or placing a wager.

1008 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) The name and any personally identifying information of a
1009 person who is participating or who has participated in the voluntary
1010 self-exclusion process established pursuant to subdivision (5) of
1011 subsection (c) of this section or established by the Department of

1012 Consumer Protection in regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (4)
1013 of section 12-865 shall not be deemed public records, as defined in
1014 section 1-200, and shall not be available to the public under the
1015 provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-
1016 200, except:

1017 (1) The Department of Consumer Protection or Connecticut Lottery
1018 Corporation may disclose the name and personally identifying
1019 information of such person to a master wagering licensee, licensed
1020 online gaming operator, licensed online gaming service provider or
1021 licensed sports wagering retailer as necessary to achieve the purposes
1022 of the voluntary self-exclusion process established pursuant to
1023 subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this section or established by the
1024 Department of Consumer Protection in regulations adopted pursuant to
1025 subdivision (4) of section 12-865; and

1026 (2) The Connecticut Lottery Corporation may disclose the name and
1027 any relevant records of such person, other than records regarding such
1028 person's participation in the voluntary self-exclusion process, if such
1029 person claims a winning lottery ticket or if such person claims or is paid
1030 a winning wager from online sports wagering or retail sports wagering
1031 or is paid a prize from a fantasy contest.

1032 (i) If the commissioner determines, upon investigation by the
1033 department, that any advertisement has been published, aired,
1034 displayed or disseminated by or on behalf of any gaming entity licensee
1035 in violation of the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, the
1036 commissioner may issue a notice of violation that includes an order
1037 requiring the removal of such advertisement, in whole or in part, not
1038 later than ten days after the date on which the commissioner issues such
1039 notice. During such ten-day period, any person who is the subject of
1040 such notice of violation may submit to the department a written request
1041 that a hearing be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
1042 Such person shall remove such advertisement and not incur any fine for
1043 such violation pending issuance of a notice of decision following such
1044 hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the hearing officer or pursuant to

1045 a settlement agreement approved by the commissioner. If such person
1046 fails to request a hearing or comply with such order during such ten-
1047 day period, such person shall be fined not more than one thousand
1048 dollars per day until such person complies with the order included in
1049 such notice of violation or notice of decision, as applicable. Nothing in
1050 this subsection shall be construed to limit the department's authority to
1051 pursue any other enforcement action available to the department under
1052 any other provision of the general statutes.

1053 Sec. 12. Section 12-866 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1054 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1055 (a) For purposes of this section, "gross gaming revenue" means, for
1056 each master wagering licensee licensed to operate online casino gaming
1057 pursuant to section 12-852 the total of all sums actually received by such
1058 licensee from online casino gaming less the total of all sums paid as
1059 winnings to online casino gaming patrons and any federal excise tax
1060 applicable to such sums received, provided (1) the total of all sums paid
1061 as winnings to such patrons shall not include the cash equivalent value
1062 of any merchandise or thing of value included in a jackpot or payout,
1063 and (2) coupons or credits that are issued to patrons for the sole purpose
1064 of playing online casino games and are linked to online casino gaming
1065 in a documented way as part of a promotional program and actually
1066 played by the patrons shall not be included in the calculation of gross
1067 gaming revenue from online casino gaming, provided if the aggregate
1068 amount of such coupons and credits played during a calendar month
1069 (A) exceeds twenty-five per cent of the total amount of gross gaming
1070 revenue for that month, for any month during the first year that the
1071 operation of online casino gaming is permitted, (B) exceeds twenty per
1072 cent of the total amount of gross gaming revenue for that month, for any
1073 month during the second year that the operation of online casino
1074 gaming is permitted, or (C) exceeds fifteen per cent of the total amount
1075 of gross gaming revenue for that month, for any month during the third
1076 or succeeding year that the operation of online casino gaming is
1077 permitted, then the applicable excess amount of coupons or credits used

1078 in such calendar month shall be included in the calculation of gross
1079 gaming revenue. For the purposes of this subsection, the year of
1080 operation of online casino gaming shall be measured from the date that
1081 the first master wagering license is issued pursuant to section 12-852 or
1082 the date that regulations, including, but not limited to, emergency
1083 regulations, are adopted and effective pursuant to section 12-865,
1084 whichever is later.

1085 [(a)] (b) A master wagering licensee, if licensed to operate online
1086 casino gaming pursuant to section 12-852, shall pay to the state for
1087 deposit in the General Fund: (1) Eighteen per cent of the gross gaming
1088 revenue from online casino gaming authorized under section 12-852
1089 during the five-year period after the first issuance of a license for such
1090 gaming under section 12-852, or (2) twenty per cent of the gross gaming
1091 revenue from online casino gaming authorized under section 12-852
1092 during the sixth and any succeeding year after the first issuance of a
1093 license for such gaming under section 12-852. Each such licensee shall
1094 commence payments under this subsection not later than the fifteenth
1095 day of the month following the month such licensee began the operation
1096 of online casino gaming under section 12-852, and shall make payments
1097 not later than the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, while such
1098 online casino gaming is conducted.

1099 [(b)] For purposes of this section, "gross gaming revenue" means the
1100 total of all sums actually received by each such licensee from online
1101 casino gaming less the total of all sums paid as winnings to online casino
1102 gaming patrons and any federal excise tax applicable to such sums
1103 received, provided:

1104 (1) The total of all sums paid as winnings to such patrons shall not
1105 include the cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value
1106 included in a jackpot or payout; and

1107 (2) Coupons or credits that are issued to patrons for the sole purpose
1108 of playing online casino games and are linked to online casino gaming
1109 in a documented way as part of a promotional program and actually

1110 played by the patrons shall not be included in the calculation of gross
1111 gaming revenue from online casino gaming, provided if the aggregate
1112 amount of such coupons and credits played during a calendar month
1113 (A) exceeds twenty-five per cent of the total amount of gross gaming
1114 revenue for that month, for any month during the first year that the
1115 operation of online casino gaming is permitted, (B) exceeds twenty per
1116 cent of the total amount of gross gaming revenue for that month, for any
1117 month during the second year that the operation of online casino
1118 gaming is permitted, or (C) exceeds fifteen per cent of the total amount
1119 of gross gaming revenue for that month, for any month during the third
1120 or succeeding year that the operation of online casino gaming is
1121 permitted, then the applicable excess amount of coupons or credits used
1122 in such calendar month shall be included in the calculation of gross
1123 gaming revenue. For the purpose of this subdivision, the year of
1124 operation of online casino gaming shall be measured from the date that
1125 the first master wagering license is issued pursuant to section 12-852 or
1126 the date that regulations, including, but not limited to, emergency
1127 regulations, are adopted and effective pursuant to section 12-865,
1128 whichever is later.]

1129 Sec. 13. Section 29-143w of the general statutes is repealed and the
1130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1131 No person shall bet or wager upon the result of any boxing or mixed
1132 martial arts match, unless such bet or wager is conducted pursuant to
1133 sections 12-850 to 12-872, inclusive, as amended by this act.

1134 Sec. 14. Section 42-301 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1135 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1136 (a) No person shall conduct or promote a sweepstakes or a
1137 promotional drawing authorized by the provisions of section 53-278g
1138 that (1) is not related to the bona fide sale of goods, services or property,
1139 [or] (2) uses a simulated gambling device, or (3) allows or facilitates
1140 participation in any real or simulated online casino gaming or sports
1141 wagering, unless such person is licensed under chapter 229b.

1142 [(b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
1143 subject to the penalty for professional gambling, as provided in
1144 subsection (b) of section 53-278b.]

1145 [(c)] (b) Any simulated gambling device used in a sweepstakes or a
1146 promotional drawing shall be deemed a common nuisance and be
1147 subject to seizure, as provided in section 53-278c.

1148 [(d)] (c) Any premises used for a sweepstakes or a promotional
1149 drawing in violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed a
1150 common nuisance and shall be subject to the provisions in section 53-
1151 278e.

1152 [(e)] (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a retail
1153 grocery chain from conducting or promoting a sweepstakes that uses a
1154 simulated gambling device, provided such sweepstakes is related to the
1155 sale of groceries, the prize is not redeemed or redeemable for cash and
1156 the prize is only used as a discount to reduce the price of items
1157 purchased from such retail grocery chain. For the purposes of this
1158 [section] subsection, "retail grocery chain" means an operator or
1159 franchisor of five or more retail establishments whose primary business
1160 is the sale of groceries.

1161 (e) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
1162 subject to the penalty for professional gambling, as provided in
1163 subsection (b) of section 53-278b.

1164 (f) Any violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed an
1165 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
1166 110b.

1167 Sec. 15. Section 21a-1c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
1168 *from passage*)"

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 12-569 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 12-810(a) |
| Sec. 3 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 12-814 |
| Sec. 4 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 12-815a |
| Sec. 5 | <i>from passage</i> | 12-850 |
| Sec. 6 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | New section |
| Sec. 7 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 12-858(a) |
| Sec. 8 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 12-859(b) |
| Sec. 9 | <i>from passage</i> | 12-859a(a) and (b) |
| Sec. 10 | <i>January 1, 2026</i> | 12-859c |
| Sec. 11 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 12-863 |
| Sec. 12 | <i>from passage</i> | 12-866 |
| Sec. 13 | <i>from passage</i> | 29-143w |
| Sec. 14 | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 42-301 |
| Sec. 15 | <i>from passage</i> | Repealer section |