

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6394

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: (PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INTEREST ON LOTTERY SALES AGENT DELINQUENCY ASSESSMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 12-569 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) (1) If the president of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation 4 determines that any lottery sales agent has breached such agent's fiduciary responsibility to the corporation in that the account of such 5 6 lottery sales agent with respect to moneys received from the sale of 7 lottery tickets has become delinquent in accordance with regulations 8 adopted [as provided in] under section 12-568a, the president shall 9 notify the commissioner of the breach of fiduciary duty and the 10 commissioner shall impose a delinquency assessment upon such 11 account equal to ten per cent of the amount due or ten dollars, 12 whichever amount is greater, plus simple interest at the rate of one and 13 one-half per cent of such amount for each month or fraction of a month 14 from the date such amount is due to the date of payment.

15 (2) A lottery sales agent whose account was delinquent prior to July 16 1, 2021, and whose delinquency assessment was subject to 17 compounding interest on June 30, 2021, may apply to the commissioner 18 on or after July 1, 2021, for a hardship waiver to reduce the amount of 19 interest delinquent, outstanding and payable to an amount based on 20 simple interest.

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

26 (4) Any such delinquent lottery sales agent shall be notified of such 27 delinquency assessment and shall be afforded an opportunity to contest 28 the validity and amount of such assessment before the commissioner 29 who may conduct such hearing. Upon request of the president of the 30 Connecticut Lottery Corporation, the commissioner may prepare and 31 sign a warrant directed to any state marshal, constable or any collection 32 agent employed by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation for distraint 33 upon any property of such delinquent lottery sales agent within the 34 state, whether personal or real property. An itemized bill shall be 35 attached to the warrant certified by the commissioner as a true 36 statement of the amount due from such lottery sales agent. Such warrant 37 shall have the same force and effect as an execution issued in accordance 38 with chapter 906. Such warrant shall be levied on any real, personal, 39 tangible or intangible property of such agent and sale made pursuant to 40 such warrant in the same manner and with the same force and effect as 41 a levy and sale pursuant to an execution.

42 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with43 chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

PS Joint Favorable