



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 382**

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**AN ACT MODIFYING THE PROCESS FOR CLAIMING AND RETURNING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY THE TREASURER.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-66a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) The Treasurer shall maintain a readily searchable list of property  
4 presumed abandoned and reported or transferred to the Treasurer  
5 under this part and for which there is sufficient information for the  
6 Treasurer to identify the apparent owner of such property.

7 (b) The searchable list required under subsection (a) of this section  
8 shall contain: (1) The names and the last-known addresses, if any, of all  
9 persons reported as the apparent owners of unclaimed property, (2)  
10 information concerning the amount and description of such property,  
11 including the type of property, and the name and address of the holder  
12 thereof, (3) the estimated value of the unclaimed property, and [(3)] (4)  
13 such other information as may be required by the Treasurer.

14 (c) The Treasurer shall notify by first-class mail each person, other  
15 than [an individual] a municipality to which the Treasurer makes or  
16 will make a payment pursuant to section 8 of this act, or a person to  
17 whom the Treasurer makes or will make a payment pursuant to  
18 subsection (f) of section 3-70a, as amended by this act, reported as the

19 apparent owner of unclaimed property that was reported or  
20 transferred to the Treasurer during the preceding calendar year and  
21 for whom the holder of such property has reported a last-known  
22 address to the Treasurer. Such notice shall include information  
23 concerning the amount and description of such property and the  
24 process by which such owner may verify ownership to and claim such  
25 property.

26 Sec. 2. Section 3-70a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

28 (a) Any person claiming an interest in property surrendered to the  
29 Treasurer under the provisions of this part may claim such property,  
30 or the proceeds from the sale thereof, at any time thereafter.

31 (1) Any person claiming an interest in such property where such  
32 property (A) has only one apparent owner whose identity can be  
33 reasonably verified using data available to the Treasurer, and (B) has a  
34 value of less than five thousand dollars, may file a claim for such  
35 property by electronically submitting a form provided on the Internet  
36 web site of the Treasurer to the Treasurer without being required to  
37 provide supporting documentation. The Treasurer shall request any  
38 person filing such a claim that does not satisfy the criteria of  
39 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision to file a certified claim  
40 under subdivision (2) of this subsection.

41 (2) Any person claiming an interest in such property that (A) has  
42 more than one apparent owner or the ownership cannot be reasonably  
43 verified by the Treasurer, or (B) has a value of five thousand dollars or  
44 more shall file a certified claim with the Treasurer, setting forth the  
45 facts upon which such party claims to be entitled to recover such  
46 property. The Treasurer shall prescribe the form that such a verified  
47 claim shall take.

48 (b) The Treasurer shall consider each claim not later than ninety  
49 days after it is filed. The Treasurer may hold hearings on any claim

50 and may refer any claim to the Office of the Claims Commissioner,  
51 which shall hold hearings thereon and promptly return the Claims  
52 Commissioner's recommendations for the payment or rejection thereof.  
53 The Treasurer shall deliver the Treasurer's decision in writing on each  
54 claim heard, with a finding of fact and a statement of the reasons for  
55 the Treasurer's decision. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the  
56 Treasurer may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of  
57 section 4-183, except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial  
58 district of New Britain.

59 (c) (1) (A) No agreement entered into prior to January 1, 2023, to  
60 locate property shall be valid if: (i) Such agreement is entered into (I)  
61 within two years after the date a report of unclaimed property is  
62 required to be filed under section 3-65a, or (II) between the date such a  
63 report is required to be filed under said section and the date it is filed  
64 under said section, whichever period is longer; (ii) such agreement is  
65 entered into within two years after the date of posting of the notice  
66 required by section 3-66a, as amended by this act; or (iii) pursuant to  
67 such agreement, any person undertakes to locate property included in  
68 a report of unclaimed property that is required to be filed under  
69 section 3-65a for a fee or other compensation exceeding ten per cent of  
70 the value of the recoverable property.

71 (B) No agreement entered into on or after January 1, 2023, to locate  
72 property shall be valid if: (i) Such agreement is entered into (I) within  
73 two years after the date a report of unclaimed property is required to  
74 be filed under section 3-65a, or (II) between the date such a report is  
75 required to be filed under said section and the date it is filed under  
76 said section, whichever period is longer; or (ii) pursuant to such  
77 agreement, any person undertakes to locate property included in a  
78 report of unclaimed property that is required to be filed under section  
79 3-65a for a fee or other compensation exceeding ten per cent of the  
80 value of the recoverable property.

81 (2) An agreement to locate property shall be valid only if it is in  
82 writing, signed by the owner, and discloses the nature and value of the

83 property, and the owner's share after the fee or compensation has been  
84 subtracted is clearly stipulated. Nothing in this section shall be  
85 construed to prevent an owner from asserting, at any time, that any  
86 agreement to locate property is based upon excessive or unjust  
87 consideration.

88 (d) The Treasurer shall pay each claim allowed without deduction  
89 for costs of notices or sale or for service charges. The Treasurer shall  
90 notify the Commissioner of Revenue Services of the payment of claims  
91 of five hundred dollars or more to the domiciliary administrator or  
92 executor of a deceased owner.

93 (e) In the case of any claim allowed under this section for property,  
94 funds or money delivered to the Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (1)  
95 or (2) of subsection (a) of section 3-57a, the Treasurer shall pay such  
96 claim with interest as follows: For each calendar year or portion  
97 thereof that the property, funds or money has been paid or delivered  
98 to the Treasurer, the Treasurer shall pay interest at a rate that is not  
99 less than the deposit index, as determined under section 36a-26, for  
100 such year. Such interest shall accrue from the date of payment or  
101 delivery of the property, funds or money to the Treasurer until the  
102 date of payment or delivery of the property, funds or money to the  
103 claimant.

104 (f) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
105 section, where the amount of a property reported or transferred to the  
106 Treasurer under this part is more than ten dollars but less than [two]  
107 five thousand [five hundred] dollars, the Treasurer shall pay such  
108 amount to [an individual] a person if the Treasurer has determined  
109 [(1)] (A) that such [individual] person is the sole owner of such  
110 property, and [(2)] (B) to the Treasurer's satisfaction, the current  
111 address of such [individual] person.

112 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
113 where the amount of a property reported or transferred to the  
114 Treasurer under this part is five thousand dollars or more, the

115 Treasurer shall send a notice by first-class mail to a person if the  
116 Treasurer has determined (A) that such person is the sole owner of  
117 such property, and (B) to the Treasurer's satisfaction, the current  
118 address of such person.

119 (3) The Treasurer shall determine ownership under this subsection  
120 using a preponderance of the evidence standard.

121 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) As used in this section, "state  
122 agency" means any department, board, council, commission,  
123 institution or other executive branch agency of state government,  
124 including, but not limited to, each constituent unit and each public  
125 institution of higher education. The Treasurer shall be granted access  
126 to any data held or controlled by a state agency only to the extent  
127 necessary to facilitate the return of unclaimed property surrendered to  
128 the Treasurer under the provisions of part III of chapter 32 of the  
129 general statutes to its owner, including, but not limited to, taxpayer  
130 data and corporate registration information under title 33 of the  
131 general statutes. The Treasurer may enter into a memorandum of  
132 understanding with any state agency as necessary to implement the  
133 provisions of this section.

134 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) When any person makes a  
135 claim for property surrendered to the Treasurer in a value of five  
136 hundred dollars or more, the Treasurer shall check the name and other  
137 identifying information of such person against a list of taxpayers who  
138 are delinquent, supplied by the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

139 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may disclose to the  
140 Treasurer: (1) The name and such other information as may be  
141 necessary to identify a person from whom taxes, including penalties  
142 and interest related thereto, are due to the state and unpaid when: (A)  
143 A period in excess of thirty days has elapsed following the date on  
144 which such taxes were due, and (B) such taxes are not the subject of a  
145 timely filed administrative appeal to said commissioner or of a timely  
146 filed appeal pending before any court of competent jurisdiction, and

147 (2) the amount of such taxes, penalties and interest that are due from  
148 such person.

149 (c) In the event that the claimant is on the list described in  
150 subsection (a) of this section, the Treasurer shall, subsequent to any  
151 deductions made pursuant to subsection (d) of section 52-362d of the  
152 general statutes, as amended by this act, if applicable, deduct and  
153 withhold from the funds payable to such person under the provisions  
154 of part III of chapter 32 of the general statutes, the amount of such  
155 taxes, penalties and interest identified by said commissioner pursuant  
156 to subsection (b) of this section.

157 (d) The Treasurer shall promptly notify the Commissioner of  
158 Revenue Services of any amount deducted and withheld under the  
159 provisions of this section and shall pay over such amount to the  
160 Commissioner of Revenue Services in accordance with said  
161 commissioner's instructions.

162 Sec. 5. Section 52-362d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
163 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

164 (a) Whenever an order of the Superior Court or a family support  
165 magistrate for support of a minor child or children is issued and such  
166 payments have been ordered to be made to the state acting by and  
167 through the IV-D agency and the person against whom such support  
168 order was issued owes past-due support in the amount of five  
169 hundred dollars or more, the state shall have a lien on any property,  
170 real or personal, in which such person has an interest to enforce  
171 payment of such past-due support. The lien for past-due child support  
172 shall be secured by the IV-D agency pursuant to procedures contained  
173 in the general statutes applicable to the type of property to be secured.  
174 After securing the lien, the IV-D agency shall provide such person with  
175 notice of the lien and an opportunity for a hearing before a hearing  
176 officer of the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-60  
177 to contest the lien. The IV-D agency shall file a release of such lien if a  
178 hearing officer determines that the conditions for the existence of a lien

179 are not satisfied. Any such lien on real property may, at any time  
180 during which the obligor owes the amount of past-due child support  
181 secured by such lien, be foreclosed in an action brought in a court of  
182 competent jurisdiction by the Commissioner of Social Services in a title  
183 IV-D case or by the person to whom the child support is due. A lien for  
184 past-due support arising in any other state shall be given full faith and  
185 credit by this state provided such other state has complied with its  
186 procedural rules relating to recording or serving of liens.

187 (b) On October 1, 1991, and monthly thereafter, the Department of  
188 Social Services shall compile a list of all obligors who owe overdue  
189 support in the amount of one thousand dollars or more accruing after  
190 the entry of an initial court order establishing a child support  
191 obligation. Any overdue support in an amount of one thousand dollars  
192 or more shall be subject to the reporting provisions of this section. The  
193 state shall report to any participating consumer reporting agency, as  
194 defined in 15 USC 1681a(f), information regarding the amount of such  
195 overdue support owed by an obligor if the amount of such overdue  
196 support is one thousand dollars or more, on a computer tape in a  
197 format acceptable to the consumer reporting agency. Such information  
198 shall be reported by the department only after notice has been sent by  
199 the department to such obligor of the proposed action, and such  
200 obligor is given an opportunity for a hearing before a hearing officer of  
201 the department to contest the amount of the alleged arrearage. Any  
202 such notice sent to such obligor shall contain a telephone number and  
203 address of the Department of Social Services and shall contain the  
204 following language in bold type: "If you are no longer in arrears or  
205 have received this notice in error, please contact the department at the  
206 following address or telephone number." On a monthly basis, the  
207 Department of Social Services shall provide to each consumer  
208 reporting agency informed of the original arrearage of an obligor  
209 updated information concerning any such obligor and the status of  
210 payments, including a list of obligors who no longer owe overdue  
211 support, in such acceptable computer format. The department shall  
212 designate one or more persons in the department to receive telephone

213 or other requests from an obligor or a consumer reporting agency  
214 regarding verification of information supplied to a consumer reporting  
215 agency. The department shall respond to any such request within five  
216 working days of its receipt. Upon satisfactory verification that an  
217 obligor is no longer in arrears, the department shall send a statement  
218 to such obligor, and such statement shall constitute proof to a creditor  
219 that such obligor is no longer in arrears as of the date of the statement.  
220 A participating consumer reporting agency which receives such  
221 updated information from the department that an obligor no longer  
222 owes any overdue support shall record such information within thirty  
223 days of receipt of such notification unless the information was in a  
224 format which was unusable by the agency or contained an error which  
225 prevented the agency from matching the updated information to  
226 previously supplied data. Any consumer reporting agency which  
227 negligently or wilfully fails to use reasonable efforts to comply with  
228 any requirement imposed under this subsection with respect to an  
229 obligor shall be liable to such obligor in an amount equal to the sum of  
230 (1) any actual damages sustained by the obligor as a result of such  
231 failure, and (2) a reasonable attorney's fee as determined by the court.

232 (c) When any person redeems a winning lottery ticket worth five  
233 thousand dollars or more at the central office of the Connecticut  
234 Lottery Corporation, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall check  
235 the name and other identifying information of such person against a  
236 list of obligors supplied by the Commissioner of Social Services. If such  
237 person is included on the list of obligors, the Connecticut Lottery  
238 Corporation shall request confirmation from the Commissioner of  
239 Social Services that such person is in fact an obligor, and upon  
240 notification by the Commissioner of Social Services that money is due  
241 from any such person as a result of a claim for support which has been  
242 assigned to the state pursuant to section 17b-77, or is to be paid to the  
243 state acting by and through the IV-D agency, the Connecticut Lottery  
244 Corporation shall withhold from any lottery winnings payable to such  
245 person under the provisions of chapter 226 or chapter 229a the amount  
246 of such claim for support owed to an individual for any portion of



247 support which has not been assigned to the state and then the amount  
248 of such claim for support owed to the state, provided the Connecticut  
249 Lottery Corporation shall notify such person that (1) lottery winnings  
250 have been withheld as a result of the amount due for such support,  
251 and (2) such person has the right to a hearing before a hearing officer  
252 designated by the Commissioner of Social Services if such person  
253 contests the amount of the alleged claim for support. The Connecticut  
254 Lottery Corporation shall pay any such person in accordance with any  
255 decisions of the hearing officer or the court upon appeal of the hearing  
256 officer's decision.

257 (d) At least annually, for any person who owns property transferred  
258 to the Treasurer under part III of chapter 32 having a value of five  
259 hundred dollars or more, the Treasurer shall check the name and other  
260 identifying information of such person against a list of obligors  
261 supplied by the Commissioner of Social Services. If such person is  
262 included on the list of obligors, the Treasurer shall request  
263 confirmation from the Commissioner of Social Services that such  
264 person is in fact an obligor, and upon notification by the  
265 Commissioner of Social Services that money is due from any such  
266 person as a result of a claim for support that has been assigned to the  
267 state pursuant to section 17b-77, or is to be paid to the state acting by  
268 and through the IV-D agency, the Treasurer shall withhold from any  
269 funds payable to such person under the provisions of part III of  
270 chapter 32 the amount of such claim for support owed to an individual  
271 for any portion of support that has not been assigned to the state, and  
272 then the amount of such claim for support owed to the state, provided  
273 the Treasurer shall notify such person that (1) funds have been  
274 withheld as a result of the amount due for such support, and (2) such  
275 person has the right to a hearing before a hearing officer designated by  
276 the Commissioner of Social Services if such person contests the amount  
277 of the alleged claim for support. The Treasurer shall pay any such  
278 person in accordance with any decisions of the hearing officer or the  
279 court upon appeal of the hearing officer's decision.

280        [(d)] (e) Whenever an order of the Superior Court or a family  
281 support magistrate of this state, or an order of another state that has  
282 been registered in this state, for support of a minor child or children is  
283 issued and such payments have been ordered through the IV-D  
284 agency, and the obligor against whom such support order was issued  
285 owes overdue support under such order in the amount of five hundred  
286 dollars or more, the IV-D agency, as defined in subdivision (12) of  
287 subsection (b) of section 46b-231, or Support Enforcement Services of  
288 the Superior Court may notify (1) any state or local agency or officer  
289 with authority (A) to hold assets or property for such obligor  
290 including, but not limited to, any property unclaimed or presumed  
291 abandoned under part III of chapter 32, or (B) to distribute benefits to  
292 such obligor including, but not limited to, unemployment  
293 compensation and workers' compensation, (2) any person having or  
294 expecting to have custody or control of or authority to distribute any  
295 amounts due such obligor under any judgment or settlement, (3) any  
296 financial institution holding assets of such obligor, and (4) any public  
297 or private entity administering a public or private retirement fund in  
298 which such obligor has an interest that such obligor owes overdue  
299 support in a IV-D support case. Upon receipt of such notice, such  
300 agency, officer, person, institution or entity shall withhold delivery or  
301 distribution of any such property, benefits, amounts, assets or funds  
302 until receipt of further notice from the IV-D agency.

303        [(e)] (f) In IV-D cases in which a notice is sent pursuant to subsection  
304 [(d)] (e) of this section, the IV-D agency shall notify the obligor that  
305 such property, benefits, amounts, assets or funds have been withheld  
306 as a result of overdue support in a IV-D support case in accordance  
307 with an order of the Superior Court or family support magistrate of  
308 this state, or an order of another state that has been registered in this  
309 state. The IV-D agency shall further notify the agency, officer, person,  
310 institution or entity to whom notice was sent pursuant to subsection  
311 [(d)] (e) of this section as follows: (1) Upon expiration of the time for  
312 requesting a hearing specified in section 17b-60, to make payment to  
313 the state from any such property, benefits, amounts, assets or funds

314 withheld in accordance with subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section  
315 provided, in the case of retirement funds, such payment shall only be  
316 made in accordance with a withholding order issued under section 52-  
317 362 when the obligor is entitled to receive retirement benefits from  
318 such fund; (2) upon payment of such overdue support by such obligor,  
319 to release or distribute, as appropriate, such property, benefits,  
320 amounts, assets or funds to such obligor; or (3) upon issuance of a  
321 decision by the hearing officer or the court upon appeal of such  
322 officer's decision, to take such other action as may be ordered by such  
323 officer or such court, and such agency, officer, person, institution or  
324 entity shall forthwith comply with such notice received from the IV-D  
325 agency.

326 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Support collected pursuant to this section shall be  
327 distributed as required by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

328 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt  
329 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, setting forth procedures  
330 providing for adequate notice of (1) the right to a hearing before a  
331 hearing officer, and (2) procedures for a fair hearing for any person  
332 alleged by the commissioner to owe past-due or overdue child support  
333 to the state, or to an individual when the payments have been ordered  
334 payable to the state acting by and through the IV-D agency, if the  
335 commissioner has filed a lien on the property of such person or  
336 claimed an offset against money payable by the state to enforce a claim  
337 for payment of such past-due or overdue support, or intends to seize  
338 any benefits, amounts, assets or funds withheld in accordance with  
339 subsection ~~[(d)]~~ (e) of this section or report such overdue support to a  
340 consumer credit agency.

341 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the general statutes is  
342 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
343 *1, 2023*):

344 (b) The commissioner may disclose (1) returns or return information  
345 to (A) an authorized representative of another state agency or office,

346 upon written request by the head of such agency or office, when  
347 required in the course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to  
348 believe that any state law is being violated, or (B) an authorized  
349 representative of an agency or office of the United States, upon written  
350 request by the head of such agency or office, when required in the  
351 course of duty or when there is reasonable cause to believe that any  
352 federal law is being violated, provided no such agency or office shall  
353 disclose such returns or return information, other than in a judicial or  
354 administrative proceeding to which such agency or office is a party  
355 pertaining to the enforcement of state or federal law, as the case may  
356 be, in a form which can be associated with, or otherwise identify,  
357 directly or indirectly, a particular taxpayer except that the names and  
358 addresses of jurors or potential jurors and the fact that the names were  
359 derived from the list of taxpayers pursuant to chapter 884 may be  
360 disclosed by the Judicial Branch; (2) returns or return information to  
361 the Auditors of Public Accounts, when required in the course of duty  
362 under chapter 23; (3) returns or return information to tax officers of  
363 another state or of a Canadian province or of a political subdivision of  
364 such other state or province or of the District of Columbia or to any  
365 officer of the United States Treasury Department or the United States  
366 Department of Health and Human Services, authorized for such  
367 purpose in accordance with an agreement between this state and such  
368 other state, province, political subdivision, the District of Columbia or  
369 department, respectively, when required in the administration of taxes  
370 imposed under the laws of such other state, province, political  
371 subdivision, the District of Columbia or the United States, respectively,  
372 and when a reciprocal arrangement exists; (4) returns or return  
373 information in any action, case or proceeding in any court of  
374 competent jurisdiction, when the commissioner or any other state  
375 department or agency is a party, and when such information is directly  
376 involved in such action, case or proceeding; (5) returns or return  
377 information to a taxpayer or its authorized representative, upon  
378 written request for a return filed by or return information on such  
379 taxpayer; (6) returns or return information to a successor, receiver,  
380 trustee, executor, administrator, assignee, guardian or guarantor of a

381 taxpayer, when such person establishes, to the satisfaction of the  
382 commissioner, that such person has a material interest which will be  
383 affected by information contained in such returns or return  
384 information; (7) information to the assessor or an authorized  
385 representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut  
386 municipality, when the information disclosed is limited to (A) a list of  
387 real or personal property that is or may be subject to property taxes in  
388 such municipality, or (B) a list containing the name of each person who  
389 is issued any license, permit or certificate which is required, under the  
390 provisions of this title, to be conspicuously displayed and whose  
391 address is in such municipality; (8) real estate conveyance tax return  
392 information or controlling interest transfer tax return information to  
393 the town clerk or an authorized representative of the chief executive  
394 officer of a Connecticut municipality to which the information relates;  
395 (9) estate tax returns and estate tax return information to the Probate  
396 Court Administrator or to the court of probate for the district within  
397 which a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death, or within  
398 which the commissioner contends that a decedent resided at the date  
399 of the decedent's death or, if a decedent died a nonresident of this  
400 state, in the court of probate for the district within which real estate or  
401 tangible personal property of the decedent is situated, or within which  
402 the commissioner contends that real estate or tangible personal  
403 property of the decedent is situated; (10) returns or return information  
404 to the (A) Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for  
405 purposes of subsection (b) of section 12-7a, and (B) Office of Fiscal  
406 Analysis for purposes of, and subject to the provisions of, subdivision  
407 (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-7b; (11) return information to the Jury  
408 Administrator, when the information disclosed is limited to the names,  
409 addresses, federal Social Security numbers and dates of birth, if  
410 available, of residents of this state, as defined in subdivision (1) of  
411 subsection (a) of section 12-701; (12) returns or return information to  
412 any person to the extent necessary in connection with the processing,  
413 storage, transmission or reproduction of such returns or return  
414 information, and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing or  
415 procurement of equipment, or the providing of other services, for

416 purposes of tax administration; (13) without written request and  
417 unless the commissioner determines that disclosure would identify a  
418 confidential informant or seriously impair a civil or criminal tax  
419 investigation, returns and return information which may constitute  
420 evidence of a violation of any civil or criminal law of this state or the  
421 United States to the extent necessary to apprise the head of such  
422 agency or office charged with the responsibility of enforcing such law,  
423 in which event the head of such agency or office may disclose such  
424 return information to officers and employees of such agency or office  
425 to the extent necessary to enforce such law; (14) names and addresses  
426 of operators, as defined in section 12-407, to tourism districts, as  
427 defined in section 10-397; (15) names of each licensed dealer, as  
428 defined in section 12-285, and the location of the premises covered by  
429 the dealer's license; (16) to a tobacco product manufacturer that places  
430 funds into escrow pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of  
431 section 4-28i, return information of a distributor licensed under the  
432 provisions of chapter 214 or chapter 214a, provided the information  
433 disclosed is limited to information relating to such manufacturer's  
434 sales to consumers within this state, whether directly or through a  
435 distributor, dealer or similar intermediary or intermediaries, of  
436 cigarettes, as defined in section 4-28h, and further provided there is  
437 reasonable cause to believe that such manufacturer is not in  
438 compliance with section 4-28i; (17) returns, which shall not include a  
439 copy of the return filed with the commissioner, or return information  
440 for purposes of section 12-217z; (18) returns or return information to  
441 the State Elections Enforcement Commission, upon written request by  
442 said commission, when necessary to investigate suspected violations of  
443 state election laws; (19) returns or return information for purposes of,  
444 and subject to the conditions of, subsection (e) of section 5-240; [and]  
445 (20) to the extent allowable under federal law, return information to  
446 another state agency or to support a data request submitted through  
447 CP20 WIN, established in section 10a-57g, in accordance with the  
448 policies and procedures of CP20 WIN for the purposes of evaluation or  
449 research, provided the recipient of such data enters into a data sharing  
450 agreement pursuant to section 4-67aa if such recipient is not a state

451 agency; and (21) returns and return information to the Treasurer, for  
452 purposes of facilitating the return of unclaimed property under section  
453 3 of this act.

454 Sec. 7. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 17b-137 of the general  
455 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
456 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

457 (c) (1) The IV-D agency and financial institutions, as defined in  
458 section 469A(d)(1) of the Social Security Act, doing business in this  
459 state shall enter into agreements to develop and operate a data match  
460 system, using automated data exchanges to the maximum extent  
461 feasible, in which each such financial institution is required to provide  
462 for each calendar quarter the name, record address, Social Security  
463 number or other taxpayer identification number and other identifying  
464 information for each noncustodial parent who maintains an account at  
465 such institution and who owes past-due support, as identified by the  
466 IV-D agency by name and Social Security number or other taxpayer  
467 identification number. Upon completion of such matches, the  
468 commissioner shall reimburse such financial institutions for the  
469 reasonable documented costs of conducting the matches. For the  
470 purposes of this section, "account" means a demand deposit account,  
471 checking or negotiable withdrawal order account, savings account,  
472 time deposit account or money-market mutual fund account.

473 (2) A financial institution shall not be liable to any person for (A)  
474 disclosing information to the IV-D agency pursuant to this subsection,  
475 (B) encumbering or surrendering any assets held by such institution in  
476 response to a notice issued under subsections [(d)] (e) and [(e)] (f) of  
477 section 52-362d, as amended by this act, or (C) any other action taken  
478 in good faith to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this  
479 subsection.

480 (d) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, "high-volume automated  
481 administrative enforcement" means the identification of assets,  
482 through automated data matches with financial institutions and other

483 entities, as provided in this section and required by federal law, and  
484 the seizure of such assets in accordance with subsections [(d)] (e) and  
485 [(e)] (f) of section 52-362d, as amended by this act.

486 (2) The IV-D agency shall: (A) Use high-volume automated  
487 administrative enforcement, as defined in subdivision (1) of this  
488 subsection, to the same extent as in intrastate cases; and (B) promptly  
489 report the results of such enforcement procedure to the requesting  
490 state.

491 (3) Support Enforcement Services or the IV-D agency may, by  
492 electronic or other means, transmit to another state a request for  
493 assistance in enforcing support orders administratively, in a manner  
494 similar to this subsection, which request shall: (A) Include information  
495 that shall enable the state to which the request is transmitted to  
496 compare the information about the cases to the information data bases  
497 of such state; and (B) constitute a certification by this state (i) of the  
498 amount of support under an order the payment of which is in arrears,  
499 and (ii) that this state has complied with all procedural due process  
500 requirements applicable to each case.

501 (4) If the IV-D agency provides assistance under this subsection to  
502 another state concerning a case, such case shall not be considered  
503 transferred to the caseload of the IV-D agency.

504 (5) The IV-D agency shall maintain records of: (A) The number of  
505 requests for assistance received under this subsection; (B) the number  
506 of cases for which such agency collected support in response to such  
507 requests; and (C) the amount of such collected support.

508 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding any other  
509 provision of part III of chapter 32 of the general statutes, where the  
510 amount of a property reported or transferred on or after July 1, 2023, to  
511 the Treasurer under said part has a value of one hundred dollars or  
512 more and the apparent owner is a municipality, including a  
513 department, agency or division of a municipality, the Treasurer shall,



514 not later than one year after such report or transfer, (1) electronically  
515 transfer such amount to the municipality, and (2) notify the chief  
516 financial officer of such municipality, either electronically or by first-  
517 class mail, that such money or other property is being transferred to  
518 the municipality under this section. In the case of any such property  
519 that was reported or transferred to the Treasurer prior to July 1, 2023,  
520 the Treasurer shall make such transfer and notification as required  
521 under this section not later than January 1, 2024. As used in this  
522 section, "municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated  
523 town and city, consolidated town and borough, any metropolitan  
524 district, any regional school district, any district as defined in section 7-  
525 324 of the general statutes, and any other municipal corporation or  
526 authority authorized to issue bonds, notes or other obligations under  
527 the provisions of the general statutes or any special act.

528 Sec. 9. Section 45a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

530 (a) When a conservator, guardian or trustee of a testamentary trust  
531 exhibits his or her final account to the Probate Court for allowance, the  
532 court shall appoint a time and place for a hearing on the account and  
533 shall cause notice of the hearing to be given as it directs. Such fiduciary  
534 shall sign the account under penalty of false statement.

535 (b) Prior to exhibiting a final account to the Probate Court, the  
536 executor or administrator shall (1) conduct a search of the list of  
537 unclaimed property maintained by the State Treasurer, pursuant to  
538 section 3-66a, as amended by this act, to verify that there is no  
539 unclaimed property of the estate, and (2) certify to the Probate Court  
540 that such a search has been conducted and the results of such search,  
541 under penalty of false statement. The court shall, before approving a  
542 final account of an executor or administrator, hold a hearing thereon  
543 for which notice may be given as the court shall direct, unless all  
544 parties interested in the estate sign and file in court a written waiver of  
545 such notice.

546 Sec. 10. Section 31-227 of the general statutes is amended by adding  
547 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

548 (NEW) (k) Prior to filing an initial claim for unemployment  
549 compensation, the individual shall conduct a search of the list of  
550 unclaimed property maintained by the State Treasurer pursuant to  
551 section 3-66a, as amended by this act, to verify that there is no  
552 unclaimed property of such individual, and certify to the administrator  
553 that such a search has been conducted and the results of such search.

554 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Notwithstanding any other  
555 provision of part III of chapter 32 of the general statutes, upon the  
556 payment or delivery of money or other property to the Treasurer  
557 under sections 3-62b to 3-62g, inclusive, of the general statutes for  
558 deposit in the Special Abandoned Property Fund, where the apparent  
559 owner is a branch, chapter or constituent organization of a nonprofit  
560 organization, the nonprofit organization may claim and be granted  
561 ownership of such money or property, provided (1) the money or  
562 other property has not been claimed by such branch, chapter or  
563 constituent organization, and (2) the nonprofit organization serves all  
564 or a portion of the same community as the branch, chapter or  
565 constituent organization.

566 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of part III of chapter 32 of  
567 the general statutes, upon the payment or delivery of an amount of  
568 money or other property to the Treasurer under sections 3-62b to 3-  
569 62g, inclusive, of the general statutes for deposit in the Special  
570 Abandoned Property Fund, where the Treasurer can verify that the  
571 money or other property was collected on behalf of a nonprofit  
572 organization, the nonprofit organization may claim and be granted  
573 ownership of such money or property.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	3-66a

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	3-70a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	52-362d
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	12-15(b)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-137(c) and (d)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	45a-179
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	31-227(k)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 3, the definition of "claimant" was deleted since the term was not used, and a reference to "owner" was added for clarity.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*