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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS GAMING STATUTES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-850 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 For the purposes of this section, [and] sections 12-851 to 12-871,  
4 inclusive, and section 2 of this act:

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

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

12 (3) "Connecticut intercollegiate team" means any team associated  
13 with an intercollegiate program of a university or college of the state  
14 system of public higher education, as described in section 10a-1, an

15 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-  
16 173, or a for-profit college or university physically located in the state  
17 that offers in-person classes within the state;

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

21 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) "Department" means the Department of Consumer  
22 Protection;

23 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "Electronic wagering platform" means the combination of  
24 hardware, software and data networks used to manage, administer,  
25 offer or control Internet games or retail sports wagering at a facility in  
26 this state;

27 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "E-bingo machine" means an electronic device categorized as  
28 a class II machine under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L.  
29 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq. used to play bingo that is confined to a  
30 game cabinet and is substantially similar in appearance and play to a  
31 class III slot machine. "E-bingo machine" does not include any other  
32 electronic device, aid, instrument, tool or other technological aid used  
33 in the play of any in-person class II bingo game;

34 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) "Entry fee" means the amount of cash or cash equivalent that  
35 is required to be paid by an individual to a master wagering licensee in  
36 order for such individual to participate in a fantasy contest;

37 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) "E-sports" means electronic sports and competitive video  
38 games played as a game of skill;

39 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) "Fantasy contest" means any fantasy or simulated game or  
40 contest with an entry fee, conducted over the Internet, including  
41 through an Internet web site or a mobile device, in which: (A) The value  
42 of all prizes and awards offered to a winning fantasy contest player is  
43 established and made known to the players in advance of the game or  
44 contest; (B) all winning outcomes reflect the knowledge and skill of the

45 players and are determined predominantly by accumulated statistical  
46 results of the performance of participants in events; and (C) no winning  
47 outcome is based on the score, point spread or any performance of any  
48 single team or combination of teams or solely on any single performance  
49 of a contestant or player in any single event. "Fantasy contest" does not  
50 include lottery games;

51 (11) "Handling consumables" means physical contact with, or  
52 supervisory oversight over the acceptance, inventory, storage or  
53 destruction of, consumables, as well as being responsible for card  
54 inspection, counting and shuffling;

55 [(10)] (12) "Internet games" means (A) online casino gaming; (B)  
56 online sports wagering; (C) fantasy contests; (D) keno through the  
57 Internet, an online service or a mobile application; and (E) the sale of  
58 tickets for lottery draw games through the Internet, an online service or  
59 a mobile application;

60 [(11)] (13) "Keno" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-  
61 801;

62 [(12)] (14) "Key employee" means an individual with the following  
63 position or an equivalent title associated with a master wagering  
64 licensee or a licensed online gaming service provider, online gaming  
65 operator or sports wagering retailer: (A) President or chief officer, who  
66 is the top ranking individual of the licensee and is responsible for all  
67 staff and the overall direction of business operations; (B) financial  
68 manager, who is the individual who reports to the president or chief  
69 officer who is generally responsible for oversight of the financial  
70 operations of the licensee, including, but not limited to, revenue  
71 generation, distributions, tax compliance and budget implementation;  
72 [or] (C) compliance manager, who is the individual that reports to the  
73 president or chief officer and who is generally responsible for ensuring  
74 the licensee complies with all laws, regulations and requirements  
75 related to the operation of the licensee; (D) chief information officer,  
76 who is the individual generally responsible for establishing policies or

77 procedures on, or making management decisions related to,  
78 information systems; or (E) chief data security officer, who is the  
79 individual generally responsible for establishing policies or procedures  
80 on, or making management decisions related to, technical systems. "Key  
81 employee" includes an individual (i) who [exercises control over  
82 technical systems;] is responsible for establishing the policies or  
83 procedures on, or making management decisions related to, wagering  
84 structures or outcomes for a licensee; or (ii) who has an ownership  
85 interest, provided the interest held by such individual and such  
86 individual's spouse, parent and child, in the aggregate, is five per cent  
87 or more of the total ownership or interest rights in the licensee. [; or (iii)  
88 who, in the judgment of the commissioner, exercises sufficient control  
89 in, or over, a licensee as to require licensure.] Tribal membership in and  
90 of itself shall not constitute ownership for purposes of this subdivision;

91 (15) "Live game employee" means an employee of a master wagering  
92 licensee or a licensed online gaming operator or online gaming service  
93 provider that is operating live online casino gaming who is responsible  
94 for handling consumables or for presenting live online casino gaming in  
95 a live online casino authorized under chapter 229b;

96 [(13)] (16) "Lottery draw game" means any game in which one or  
97 more numbers, letters or symbols are randomly drawn at  
98 predetermined times, but not more frequently than once every four  
99 minutes, from a range of numbers, letters or symbols, and prizes are  
100 paid to players possessing winning plays, as set forth in each game's  
101 official game rules. "Lottery draw game" does not include keno, any  
102 game for which lottery draw tickets are not available through a lottery  
103 sales agent or any game that simulates online casino gaming;

104 [(14)] (17) "Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding"  
105 means the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between  
106 the state and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe on January 13, 1993, as  
107 amended from time to time;

108 [(15)] (18) "Mashantucket Pequot procedures" means the Final

109 Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary  
110 of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to 25 USC  
111 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) and published in 56 Federal Register 24996 (May 31,  
112 1991), as amended from time to time;

113 [(16)] (19) "Master wagering licensee" means (A) the Mashantucket  
114 Pequot Tribe, or an instrumentality of or an affiliate wholly-owned by  
115 said tribe, if licensed to operate online sports wagering, online casino  
116 gaming and fantasy contests pursuant to section 12-852, as amended by  
117 this act; (B) the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or an  
118 instrumentality of or an affiliate wholly-owned by said tribe, if licensed  
119 to operate online sports wagering, online casino gaming and fantasy  
120 contests pursuant to section 12-852, as amended by this act; or (C) the  
121 Connecticut Lottery Corporation, if licensed pursuant to section 12-853  
122 to operate retail sports wagering, online sports wagering, fantasy  
123 contests and keno and to sell tickets for lottery draw games through the  
124 Internet, an online service or a mobile application;

125 [(17)] (20) "Mohegan compact" means the Tribal-State Compact  
126 entered into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians  
127 of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time;

128 [(18)] (21) "Mohegan memorandum of understanding" means the  
129 memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state  
130 and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as  
131 amended from time to time;

132 [(19)] (22) "Occupational employee" means an employee of a master  
133 wagering licensee or a licensed online gaming operator, online gaming  
134 service provider or sports wagering retailer;

135 [(20)] (23) "Off-track betting system licensee" means the person or  
136 business organization licensed to operate the off-track betting system  
137 pursuant to chapter 226;

138 [(21)] (24) "Online casino gaming" means (A) slots, blackjack, craps,  
139 roulette, baccarat, poker and video poker, bingo, live dealer and other

140 peer-to-peer games and any variations of such games, and (B) any  
141 games authorized by the department, conducted over the Internet,  
142 including through an Internet web site or a mobile device, through an  
143 electronic wagering platform that does not require a bettor to be  
144 physically present at a facility;

145 [(22)] (25) "Online gaming operator" means a person or business  
146 entity that operates an electronic wagering platform and contracts  
147 directly with a master wagering licensee to offer (A) one or more  
148 Internet games on behalf of such licensee, or (B) retail sports wagering  
149 on behalf of such licensee at a facility in this state;

150 [(23)] (26) "Online gaming service provider" means a person or  
151 business entity, other than an online gaming operator, that provides  
152 goods or services to, or otherwise transacts business related to Internet  
153 games or retail sports wagering with, a master wagering licensee or a  
154 licensed online gaming operator, online gaming service provider or  
155 sports wagering retailer;

156 [(24)] (27) "Online sports wagering" means sports wagering  
157 conducted over the Internet, including through an Internet web site or  
158 a mobile device, through an electronic wagering platform that does not  
159 require a sports bettor to be physically present at a facility that conducts  
160 retail sports wagering;

161 [(25)] (28) "Retail sports wagering" means in-person sports wagering  
162 requiring a sports bettor to be physically present at one of the up to  
163 fifteen facility locations of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation or a  
164 licensed sports wagering retailer in this state;

165 [(26)] (29) "Skin" means the branded or cobranded name and logo on  
166 the interface of an Internet web site or a mobile application that bettors  
167 use to access an electronic wagering platform for Internet games;

168 [(27)] (30) "Sporting event" means any (A) sporting or athletic event  
169 at which two or more persons participate, individually or on a team, and  
170 may be eligible to receive compensation in excess of actual expenses for

171 such participation in such sporting or athletic event; (B) sporting or  
172 athletic event sponsored by an intercollegiate athletic program of an  
173 institution of higher education or an association of such programs,  
174 except for those in which one of the participants is a Connecticut  
175 intercollegiate team and the event is not in connection with a permitted  
176 intercollegiate tournament; (C) Olympic or international sports  
177 competition event; or (D) e-sports event, except for those in which one  
178 of the participants is a Connecticut intercollegiate team and the event is  
179 not in connection with a permitted intercollegiate tournament. As used  
180 in this subdivision, "permitted intercollegiate tournament" means an  
181 intercollegiate e-sports, sporting or athletic event involving four or more  
182 intercollegiate teams that involves one or more Connecticut  
183 intercollegiate teams and the wager on the tournament is based on the  
184 outcome of all games within the tournament. "Sporting event" does not  
185 include horse racing, jai alai or greyhound racing;

186 [(28)] (31) "Sports governing body" means the organization that  
187 prescribes final rules and enforces codes of conduct with respect to a  
188 sporting event and participants in the sporting event;

189 [(29)] (32) "Sports wagering" means risking or accepting any money,  
190 credit, deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in  
191 part, (A) by any system or method of wagering, including, but not  
192 limited to, in person or through an electronic wagering platform, and  
193 (B) based on (i) a live sporting event or a portion or portions of a live  
194 sporting event, including future or propositional events during such an  
195 event, or (ii) the individual performance statistics of an athlete or  
196 athletes in a sporting event or a combination of sporting events. "Sports  
197 wagering" does not include the payment of an entry fee to play a fantasy  
198 contest or a fee to participate in e-sports; and

199 [(30)] (33) "Sports wagering retailer" means a person or business  
200 entity that contracts with the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to  
201 facilitate retail sports wagering operated by said corporation through an  
202 electronic wagering platform at up to fifteen facilities in this state.

203       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A live game employee, other  
204 than an individual who holds a key employee license, who will be  
205 directly or substantially involved in the operation of live online casino  
206 gaming in a manner impacting the integrity of such gaming, shall obtain  
207 a live game employee license prior to commencing such employment. A  
208 live game employee shall be deemed to be directly or substantially  
209 involved in the operation of live online casino gaming if such employee  
210 is: (1) Responsible for handling consumables, (2) responsible for  
211 presenting live online casino gaming, or (3) the manager of live game  
212 employees.

213       (b) (1) A live game employee shall apply for a live game employee  
214 license on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Such  
215 form shall require the applicant to: (A) Submit to a fingerprint-based  
216 state and national criminal history records check conducted in  
217 accordance with section 29-17a of the general statutes, which may  
218 include a financial history check if requested by the commissioner, to  
219 determine the character and fitness of the applicant for the license, (B)  
220 provide information related to other business affiliations, and (C)  
221 provide, or allow the department to obtain, such other information as  
222 the department determines is consistent with the requirements of this  
223 section in order to determine the fitness of the applicant to hold a  
224 license.

225       (2) In place of the criminal history records check described in  
226 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
227 commissioner may accept from a live game employee applicant the  
228 submission of a third-party local and national criminal background  
229 check that includes a multistate and multijurisdictional criminal record  
230 locator or other similar commercial nation-wide database with  
231 validation, and other such background screening as the commissioner  
232 may require. Any such third-party criminal background check shall be  
233 conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or background  
234 screening company that is in compliance with the federal Fair Credit  
235 Reporting Act and accredited by the Professional Background Screening  
236 Association.



237 (c) A live game employee license shall be renewed every two years.  
238 The initial license application fee for a live game employee licensee shall  
239 be two hundred dollars and the biennial renewal fee shall be one  
240 hundred dollars. The initial application fee shall be waived for a live  
241 game employee who holds an active occupational gaming license issued  
242 by the department, and a licensed live game employee shall not be  
243 required to obtain an occupational employee license. The licensee shall  
244 be responsible for the payment of any fees incurred for the criminal  
245 background check associated with the biennial renewal of the  
246 applicant's license.

247 (d) The department shall transfer any licensing fee collected pursuant  
248 to subsection (c) of this section for a live game employee of the holder  
249 of a master wagering license under section 12-852 of the general statutes,  
250 as amended by this act, or of an online gaming operator or an online  
251 gaming service provider that is affiliated with such a holder of a master  
252 wagering license, to the State Sports Wagering and Online Gaming  
253 Regulatory Fund established under section 12-869 of the general  
254 statutes, as amended by this act.

255 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 12-852 of the general statutes is  
256 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
257 *passage*):

258 (c) (1) A master wagering license issued pursuant to subsection (a) of  
259 this section shall expire (A) upon the expiration of any new compact or  
260 amendment, or renewal thereof, entered into pursuant to section 12-851,  
261 (B) if the tribe holding such license operates E-bingo machines at a  
262 casino on the tribe's reservation in this state at any time during the ten-  
263 year initial term of any amendment or new compact, as described in  
264 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 12-851, or (C) if the holder of  
265 such master wagering license ceases to be a tribe, or an instrumentality  
266 of or an affiliate wholly-owned by a tribe.

267 (2) Upon the expiration of a master wagering license pursuant to  
268 subdivision (1) of this subsection, all other licenses associated with the

269 expired master wagering license, including licenses for an online  
270 gaming operator or online service provider, and all corresponding key  
271 employee, live game employee or occupational employee licenses, shall  
272 expire without the need for any further action by the department.

273 Sec. 4. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 12-859 of the general statutes  
274 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
275 *from passage*):

276 (c) (1) A key employee shall apply for a license on a form and in a  
277 manner prescribed by the commissioner. Such form [may] shall require  
278 the applicant to: (A) Submit to a fingerpr**int**-based state and national  
279 criminal history records check conducted in accordance with section 29-  
280 17a, which may include a financial history check if requested by the  
281 commissioner, to determine the character and fitness of the applicant for  
282 the license, (B) provide information related to other business affiliations,  
283 and (C) provide or allow the department to obtain such other  
284 information as the department determines is consistent with the  
285 requirements of this section in order to determine the fitness of the  
286 applicant to hold a license.

287 (2) In place of the criminal history records check described in  
288 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
289 commissioner may accept from an applicant for an initial key employee  
290 license the submission of a third-party local and national criminal  
291 background check that includes a multistate and multijurisdictional  
292 criminal record locator or other similar commercial nation-wide  
293 database with validation, and other such background screening as the  
294 commissioner may require. Any such third-party criminal background  
295 check shall be conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or  
296 background screening company that is in compliance with the federal  
297 Fair Credit Reporting Act and accredited by the Professional  
298 Background Screening Association.

299 (d) A key employee license shall be renewed annually. The initial  
300 license application fee for a key employee licensee shall be two hundred

301 dollars and the annual renewal fee shall be two hundred dollars. The  
302 initial application fee shall be waived for a key employee who holds an  
303 active live game employee or occupational [gaming] employee license  
304 issued by the department. The holder of a key employee license shall  
305 not be required to obtain a live game employee or occupational  
306 employee license.

307 Sec. 5. Section 12-860 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

309 Any individual who is a key employee, a live game employee or an  
310 occupational employee of a master wagering licensee described in  
311 section 12-852, as amended by this act, or of an online gaming operator  
312 or online gaming service provider that is an Indian tribe or an  
313 instrumentality of or affiliate wholly-owned by an Indian tribe shall not  
314 be permitted to raise sovereign immunity as a defense to any action to  
315 enforce applicable provisions of sections 12-850 to 12-871, inclusive, as  
316 amended by this act, or, as applicable, sections 12-578f, 12-586f, 12-586g,  
317 12-806c, 52-553, 52-554, 53-278a or 53-278g and regulations adopted  
318 under said sections against such individual in his or her capacity as a  
319 key, live game or occupational employee to the extent that such action  
320 may be brought against a key, live game or occupational employee  
321 under any provision of the general statutes or the regulations of  
322 Connecticut state agencies.

323 Sec. 6. Section 12-862 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
324 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

325 (a) For sufficient cause found pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
326 section, the commissioner may suspend or revoke a license issued  
327 pursuant to section 12-852, as amended by this act, or 12-853 or sections  
328 12-855 to 12-859, inclusive, as amended by this act, or section 2 of this  
329 act, issue fines of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars per  
330 violation, accept an offer in compromise or refuse to grant or renew a  
331 license issued pursuant to section 12-852, as amended by this act, or 12-  
332 853 or sections 12-855 to 12-859, inclusive, as amended by this act, or

333 section 2 of this act, place the holder of a license issued pursuant to  
334 section 12-852, as amended by this act, or 12-853 or sections 12-855 to 12-  
335 859, inclusive, as amended by this act, or section 2 of this act on  
336 probation, place conditions on such license or take other actions  
337 permitted by the general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state  
338 agencies.

339 (b) [Any of the following may constitute sufficient] Sufficient cause  
340 for such action by the commissioner [, including, but] includes, but is  
341 not limited to:

342 (1) Furnishing [of] false or fraudulent information in any license  
343 application or failure to comply with representations made in any  
344 application;

345 (2) A civil judgment against, or criminal conviction of, a licensee or  
346 key employee of an applicant or licensee;

347 (3) Discipline by, or a pending disciplinary action or an unresolved  
348 complaint against, an owner, key employee or applicant regarding any  
349 professional license or registration [of] issued by any federal, state or  
350 local government;

351 (4) Denial, suspension or revocation of a license or registration, or the  
352 denial of a renewal of a license or registration, by any federal, state or  
353 local government or a foreign jurisdiction;

354 (5) False, misleading or deceptive representations to the public or the  
355 department;

356 (6) Involvement in a fraudulent or deceitful practice or transaction;

357 (7) Performance of negligent work that involves a substantial  
358 monetary loss or a significant lack of sound judgment;

359 (8) Permitting another person to use the licensee's license;

360 (9) Failure to properly license key employees, live game employees

361 or occupational employees; [, or failure]

362 (10) Failure to notify the department of a change in key employees or  
363 owners;

364 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) An adverse administrative decision or delinquency  
365 assessment against the licensee from the Department of Revenue  
366 Services;

367 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Failure to cooperate or give information to the department,  
368 local law enforcement authorities or any other enforcement agency  
369 upon any matter related to [the licensee's credential] a license or gaming  
370 [operations] operation; or

371 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Failure to comply with any provision of sections 12-850 to  
372 12-871, inclusive, as amended by this act, corresponding regulations or  
373 any other provision of the general statutes that has an impact on the  
374 integrity of gaming in this state, including, but not limited to, failure of  
375 an online gaming operator who contracts with the Connecticut Lottery  
376 Corporation to abide by the conditions for operation set forth in  
377 subparagraph (B), (C) or (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section  
378 12-853.

379 (c) Upon refusal to issue or renew a license, the commissioner shall  
380 notify the applicant of the denial and of the applicant's right to request  
381 a hearing not later than ten days after the date of receipt of the notice of  
382 denial. If the applicant requests a hearing within such ten-day period,  
383 the commissioner shall give notice of the grounds for the  
384 commissioner's refusal and shall conduct a hearing concerning such  
385 refusal in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 concerning  
386 contested cases. If the commissioner's denial of a license is sustained  
387 after such hearing, an applicant shall not apply for a new license issued  
388 pursuant to section 12-852, as amended by this act, or 12-853 or sections  
389 12-855 to 12-859, inclusive, as amended by this act, or section 2 of this  
390 act for a period of at least one year after the date on which such denial  
391 was sustained.

392 (d) No person whose license has been revoked under this section may  
393 apply for another license issued pursuant to section 12-852, as amended  
394 by this act, or 12-853 or sections 12-855 to 12-859, inclusive, as amended  
395 by this act, or section 2 of this act for a period of at least one year after  
396 the date of such revocation.

397 (e) The voluntary surrender or failure to renew a license or  
398 registration shall not prevent the commissioner from suspending or  
399 revoking such license or registration or imposing other penalties  
400 permitted by this section.

401 Sec. 7. Section 12-863 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
402 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

403 (a) (1) An individual may only place a sports wager through retail  
404 sports wagering or online sports wagering outside of the reservations of  
405 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
406 Connecticut or place a wager through online casino gaming conducted  
407 outside of such reservations, if the wagering is authorized pursuant to  
408 sections 12-852 to 12-854, inclusive, as amended by this act, and the  
409 individual (A) has attained the age of twenty-one, and (B) is physically  
410 present in the state when placing the wager, and, in the case of retail  
411 sports wagering, is physically present at a retail sports wagering facility  
412 in this state.

413 (2) An individual may only participate in a fantasy contest outside of  
414 the reservations of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan  
415 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut if the contest is authorized pursuant to  
416 section 12-852, as amended by this act, or 12-853, and the individual has  
417 attained the age of eighteen.

418 (b) Any electronic wagering platform used to (1) conduct online  
419 sports wagering or online casino gaming, (2) conduct keno through the  
420 Internet web site, an online service or a mobile application of the  
421 Connecticut Lottery Corporation, (3) conduct retail sports wagering, (4)  
422 sell lottery draw game tickets through the Internet web site, online  
423 service or mobile application of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, or

424 (5) conduct fantasy contests, shall be developed to:

425 (A) Verify that an individual (i) with an account for online sports  
426 wagering, online casino gaming or retail sports wagering is twenty-one  
427 years of age or older and is physically present in the state when placing  
428 a wager or, in the case of retail sports wagering, is physically present at  
429 a retail sports wagering facility, (ii) with an account to participate in  
430 keno or to purchase lottery draw game tickets is eighteen years of age  
431 or older and is physically present in the state when participating or  
432 purchasing such tickets, or (iii) with an account for fantasy contests is  
433 eighteen years of age or older;

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

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

438 (c) A master wagering licensee and a licensed online gaming  
439 operator, online gaming service provider and sports wagering retailer  
440 shall each, where applicable based on the services provided:

441 (1) Prohibit an individual from establishing more than one account  
442 on each electronic wagering platform operated by the licensee;

443 (2) Limit a person to the use of only one debit card or only one credit  
444 card for an account and only permit the use of such a card when such  
445 person is the sole account holder of such card, and place a monetary  
446 limit on the use of a credit card over a period of time, provided single-  
447 use stored value instruments purchased by cash or debit card only,  
448 including, but not limited to, a gift card or a lottery terminal printed  
449 value voucher, may be used pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection  
450 (d) of section 12-853;

451 (3) Allow a person to limit the amount of money that may be  
452 deposited into an account, and spent per day through an account;

453 (4) Provide that any money in an online account belongs solely to the

454 owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the owner;

455 (5) Establish a voluntary self-exclusion process to allow a person to  
456 (A) exclude himself or herself from establishing an account, (B) exclude  
457 himself or herself from placing wagers through an account, or (C) limit  
458 the amount such person may spend using such an account;

459 (6) Provide responsible gambling and problem gambling information  
460 to participants; and

461 (7) Conspicuously display on each applicable Internet web site or  
462 mobile application:

463 (A) A link to a description of the provisions of this subsection;

464 (B) A link to responsible gambling information;

465 (C) A toll-free telephone number an individual may use to obtain  
466 information about problem gambling;

467 (D) A link to information about the voluntary self-exclusion process  
468 described in subdivision (5) of this subsection;

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

472 (F) A means to initiate a break in play to discourage excessive play;  
473 and

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

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



481 (e) No advertisement of online casino gaming, online sports wagering  
482 or retail sports wagering may: (1) Depict an individual under twenty-  
483 one years of age, unless such individual is a professional athlete or a  
484 collegiate athlete who, if permitted by applicable law, is able to profit  
485 from the use of his or her name and likeness; [or] (2) be aimed  
486 exclusively or primarily at individuals under twenty-one years of age;  
487 or (3) offer or advertise for a financial enticement to participate in such  
488 gaming or wagering.

489 (f) The name and any personally identifying information of a person  
490 who is participating or who has participated in the voluntary self-  
491 exclusion process established pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection  
492 (c) of this section or established by the Department of Consumer  
493 Protection in regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (4) of section  
494 12-865 shall not be deemed public records, as defined in section 1-200,  
495 and shall not be available to the public under the provisions of the  
496 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, except:

497 (1) The Department of Consumer Protection or Connecticut Lottery  
498 Corporation may disclose the name and personally identifying  
499 information of such person to a master wagering licensee, licensed  
500 online gaming operator, licensed online gaming service provider or  
501 licensed sports wagering retailer as necessary to achieve the purposes  
502 of the voluntary self-exclusion process established pursuant to  
503 subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this section or established by the  
504 Department of Consumer Protection in regulations adopted pursuant to  
505 subdivision (4) of section 12-865; and

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

512 Sec. 8. Section 12-869 of the general statutes is repealed and the

513 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

514 (a) (1) At the commencement of operating online sports wagering or  
515 online casino gaming pursuant to section 12-852, as amended by this act,  
516 in any fiscal year, and on or before September thirtieth in each fiscal year  
517 thereafter that such wagering and gaming is conducted, the  
518 commissioner shall estimate and assess, after consultation with each  
519 holder of a master wagering license under section 12-852, as amended  
520 by this act, the reasonable and necessary costs that will be incurred by  
521 the department to regulate the operation of such wagering or gaming  
522 under sections 12-852, as amended by this act, and 12-855 to 12-865,  
523 inclusive, and section 2 of this act by each such licensee, (A) in the next  
524 fiscal year; and (B) in the case of the initial fiscal year of operating such  
525 wagering and gaming, in the current fiscal year.

526 (2) The estimated costs under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall  
527 not exceed the estimate of expenditure requirements transmitted by the  
528 commissioner pursuant to section 4-77. The assessment for any fiscal  
529 year shall be: (A) Reduced pro rata by the amount of any surplus from  
530 the assessment of the prior fiscal year, which shall be maintained in  
531 accordance with subsection (d) of this section, or (B) increased pro rata  
532 by the amount of any deficit from the assessment of the prior fiscal year.

533 (3) The assessment under subdivision (1) of this subsection for the  
534 holder of a master wagering license issued under section 12-852, as  
535 amended by this act, shall be reduced by the amount of any licensing  
536 fees paid to the department for a license for an online gaming operator,  
537 an online gaming service provider and any corresponding key  
538 employee, live game employee and occupational employee affiliated  
539 with such holder of a master wagering license during the prior fiscal  
540 year.

541 (b) Each holder of a master wagering license under section 12-852, as  
542 amended by this act, shall pay to the commissioner the amount assessed  
543 to such licensee pursuant to subsection (a) of this section not later than  
544 the date specified by the commissioner for payment, provided such date

545 is not less than thirty days from the date of such assessment and no  
546 payment shall be due prior to the commencement of wagering and  
547 gaming operations by such licensee. The commissioner shall remit to the  
548 State Treasurer all funds received pursuant to this section.

549 (c) (1) There is established a fund to be known as the "State Sports  
550 Wagering and Online Gaming Regulatory Fund". The fund shall contain  
551 any moneys required or permitted to be deposited in the fund, including  
552 licensing fees transferred by the department under the provisions of  
553 sections 12-855 and 12-857 to 12-859, inclusive, as amended by this act,  
554 and section 2 of this act and shall be held by the Treasurer separate and  
555 apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. Any balance  
556 remaining in said fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried  
557 forward in said fund for the fiscal year next succeeding. Moneys in the  
558 fund shall be expended by the Treasurer for the purposes of paying the  
559 costs incurred by the department to regulate online sports wagering and  
560 online casino gaming authorized under section 12-852, as amended by  
561 this act.

562 (2) The Treasurer shall deposit all funds received pursuant to  
563 subsection (b) of this section in the State Sports Wagering and Online  
564 Gaming Regulatory Fund.

565 (d) On or before September thirtieth, annually, the Comptroller shall  
566 calculate the actual reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the  
567 department to regulate such online sports wagering and online casino  
568 gaming authorized under section 12-852, as amended by this act, during  
569 the prior fiscal year. The Treasurer shall set aside amounts received  
570 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section in excess of such actual costs.  
571 Such excess amounts shall be considered a surplus for the purposes of  
572 subsection (a) of this section.

573 (e) If the holder of a master wagering license under section 12-852, as  
574 amended by this act, is aggrieved by an assessment under the provisions  
575 of this section, the licensee may request a hearing before the  
576 commissioner not later than thirty days after such assessment. The

577 commissioner shall hold such hearing in accordance with the provisions  
578 of chapter 54 not later than thirty days after receiving such request, and  
579 the decision of the commissioner may be appealed in accordance with  
580 the provisions of section 4-183.

581 Sec. 9. Section 29-18c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
582 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

583 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may  
584 appoint not more than four persons employed as investigators in the  
585 security unit of the Department of Consumer Protection, upon the  
586 nomination of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, to act as  
587 special [policemen] police officers in said unit. Such appointees shall  
588 serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
589 Public Protection. During such tenure, they shall have all the powers  
590 conferred on state [policemen] police officers while investigating or  
591 making arrests for any offense arising from the operation of any off-  
592 track betting system, retail sports wagering or the conduct of any lottery  
593 game. Such special [policemen] police officers shall be certified under  
594 the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive.

595 Sec. 10. Section 53-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
596 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

597 Any person who uses any animal, including a fish, reptile or bird, for  
598 the purpose of soliciting any alms, collection, contribution, subscription,  
599 donation or payment of money, or uses any animal, including a fish,  
600 reptile or bird, as a prize or award in the operation of any game or  
601 device, or exhibits any wild animal in connection with any business for  
602 the purpose of attracting trade upon any street, highway or public park  
603 or at any fair, exhibition or place of amusement, recreation or  
604 entertainment, or owns, keeps or has in his custody any animal,  
605 including a fish, reptile or bird, for any such purpose, shall be guilty of  
606 a class D misdemeanor, but no provision of this section shall be  
607 construed so as to apply (1) to the exhibition of any animal, including a  
608 fish, reptile or bird, (A) by any educational institution or in a zoological

609 garden, or (B) in connection with any theatrical exhibition or circus, or  
 610 (2) to the use of any animal in a cow-chip raffle.

611 Sec. 11. Section 7-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 612 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

613 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,  
 614 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate, entitling  
 615 the winner to merchandise, tangible personal property, services,  
 616 transportation on a common carrier by land, water or air and to any tour  
 617 facilities provided in connection therewith, or to participation in a  
 618 lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket, coupon or gift  
 619 certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No cash prizes or  
 620 prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall be given, except as provided  
 621 in subsection (b) of this section and section 7-177a, and no prize shall be  
 622 redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets for a lottery conducted  
 623 under chapter 226 or gift certificates awarded in accordance with  
 624 subsection (e) of section 7-185a. No animal shall be given as a prize. For  
 625 the purposes of this section, coins whose trading value exceeds their face  
 626 value and coins not commonly in circulation shall not be deemed a cash  
 627 prize.

628 (b) Any sponsoring organization authorized to conduct a bazaar  
 629 pursuant to section 7-172 may award cash prizes not to exceed fifty  
 630 dollars each in connection with the playing of a blower ball game. For  
 631 purposes of this subsection "blower ball game" means a game of chance  
 632 where the players wager on a color or number and the winner is  
 633 determined by the drawing of a colored or numbered ball from a  
 634 mechanical ball blower that mixes ping pong balls with blown air.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-850
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	12-852(c)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	12-859(c) and (d)

Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	12-860
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	12-862
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	12-863
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	12-869
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	29-18c
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	53-250
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	7-177

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make revisions to statutes concerning gaming, including (1) establishing a live game employee license and revising certain licensing requirements, (2) requiring a person using a credit or debit card to fund an online gaming account to only use a card if the person is the sole account holder of such card, (3) prohibiting advertisements offering or advertising financial enticement to participate in online gaming or online or retail sports wagering, (4) allowing special officers to investigate offenses arising out of retail sports wagering, and (5) clarifying the prohibition on using animals as prizes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*