



**AN ACT CONCERNING INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Upon receiving a request from a federally  
2 recognized Indian tribe to enter into negotiations to establish or amend  
3 a Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of gaming activities in  
4 this state pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulation Act (25  
5 USC 2701 et seq.), the Governor shall (1) negotiate in good faith with  
6 the Indian tribe, and (2) develop a municipal impact compensation  
7 plan in accordance with subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section.

8 (b) The Governor shall develop the municipal impact compensation  
9 plan after consulting with the chief executive officers of (1) each  
10 municipality in which a gaming facility is to be located under the  
11 compact, (2) each municipality contiguous to such municipality, and  
12 (3) any other municipality which is a member of the same regional  
13 planning agency or regional council of governments as a municipality  
14 included in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection.

15 (c) The plan shall include an assessment of the anticipated direct  
16 impact that the gaming activities governed by the compact will have  
17 on such municipalities and shall establish an asset sharing formula  
18 under which a portion of the funds the state receives pursuant to the  
19 compact shall be used to compensate affected municipalities. In  
20 developing the plan, the Governor shall consider:

21 (1) The direct impact of the gaming activities on municipal  
22 operations, including, but not limited to, increased costs for (A) public  
23 safety, (B) emergency services, (C) sewage treatment requirements, (D)  
24 social services, and (E) additional government administration;

25 (2) The direct impact on education costs attributable to the increased  
26 enrollment of children of employees of gaming facilities covered by the  
27 compact, including, but not limited to, increased costs to (A) hire  
28 teachers, (B) provide special education services, (C) provide education  
29 services for non-English-speaking students, (D) purchase classroom  
30 supplies, (E) provide school transportation, and (F) provide classroom  
31 space; and

32 (3) The direct impact of the gaming activities on transportation,  
33 including, but not limited to, increased costs for (A) local roads, rail,  
34 bus and ferry, (B) road maintenance, and (C) traffic control.

35 (d) The plan shall also include (1) an assessment of the anticipated  
36 impact that the gaming activities governed by the compact will have  
37 on chronic gambling in the state, and (2) recommendations for  
38 mitigating such impact, including, but not limited to, prevention,  
39 treatment and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. As used in  
40 this subsection, "chronic gambling" means gambling by persons who  
41 are chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the  
42 urge to gamble, and with gambling behavior that compromises,  
43 disrupts or damages personal, family or vocational interests.

44 (e) The Governor may hire consultants, within available  
45 appropriations, to assist in the negotiation and preparation of the  
46 compact or amendment, and to assist in the preparation of the plan.

47 (f) Not later than ten days after the date of execution of any compact  
48 or amendment to a compact between the state of Connecticut and an  
49 Indian tribe, the Governor shall file the compact or amendment and  
50 legislation to implement the plan with the clerks of the House of  
51 Representatives and the Senate.

52       Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) After receiving the implementing legislation and  
53 the compact or amendment submitted pursuant to section 1 of this act,  
54 the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall (1) refer  
55 the compact or amendment to the joint standing committee of the  
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
57 government administration, and (2) refer the implementing legislation  
58 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
59 cognizance of matters relating to government administration,  
60 appropriations, public safety and planning and development.

61       (b) (1) The joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
62 cognizance of matters relating to government administration shall hold  
63 a hearing on the compact or amendment not later than thirty days after  
64 receiving the compact or amendment. The committee may seek input  
65 from other committees or members of the General Assembly. Not later  
66 than five days after the hearing, the committee shall report the  
67 compact or amendment and any recommended amendments to the  
68 General Assembly.

69       (2) The joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
70 cognizance of matters relating to government administration,  
71 appropriations, public safety and planning and development shall  
72 hold a hearing on the implementing legislation not later than thirty  
73 days after receiving the legislation. Not later than five days after the  
74 hearing, the committees shall report the implementing legislation and  
75 any recommended amendments to the General Assembly.

76       (c) The General Assembly may approve the compact or amendment,  
77 in whole, by a majority vote of each house or may reject such compact  
78 or amendment, in whole, by a majority vote of either house. If rejected,  
79 the compact or amendment shall not be valid and shall not be  
80 implemented. The compact or amendment shall be deemed rejected if  
81 the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject the compact or  
82 amendment (1) prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the  
83 General Assembly during which such compact or amendment is filed,  
84 (2) prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the General

85 Assembly first following the date on which such compact or  
86 amendment is filed if the General Assembly is not in regular session on  
87 such date, or (3) prior to the adjournment of a special session convened  
88 before the next regular session of the General Assembly for the  
89 purpose of considering such compact or amendment if the General  
90 Assembly is not in regular session on the date on which such compact  
91 or amendment is filed, except that, if the compact or amendment is  
92 filed less than thirty days before the end of a regular session, the  
93 General Assembly may vote to approve or reject the compact or  
94 amendment (A) not later than thirty days after the first day of a special  
95 session convened before the next regular session of the General  
96 Assembly for the purpose of considering such compact or amendment,  
97 or (B) not later than thirty days after the first day of the next regular  
98 session of the General Assembly.

99 Sec. 3. Section 3-6c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
100 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

101 (a) [Within] Not later than ten days after the date of execution of  
102 any compact or amendment to a compact between the state of  
103 Connecticut and another state, [or an Indian tribe,] the Governor shall  
104 file such compact or amendment with the clerks of the House of  
105 Representatives and the Senate.

106 (b) The General Assembly may approve such compact or  
107 amendment, in whole, by a majority vote of each house or may reject  
108 such compact or amendment, in whole, by a majority vote of either  
109 house. If rejected, the compact or amendment shall not be valid and  
110 shall not be implemented. The compact or amendment shall be  
111 deemed rejected if the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or  
112 reject the compact or amendment (1) prior to the adjournment of the  
113 regular session of the General Assembly during which such compact  
114 or amendment is filed, (2) prior to the adjournment of the regular  
115 session of the General Assembly first following the date on which such  
116 compact or amendment is filed if the General Assembly is not in  
117 regular session on such date, or (3) prior to the adjournment of a

118 special session convened before the next regular session of the General  
119 Assembly for the purpose of considering such compact or amendment  
120 if the General Assembly is not in regular session on the date on which  
121 such compact or amendment is filed, ~~[provided,]~~ except that if the  
122 compact or amendment is filed less than thirty days before the end of a  
123 regular session, the General Assembly may vote to approve or reject  
124 the compact or amendment (A) ~~[within]~~ not later than thirty days after  
125 the first day of a special session convened before the next regular  
126 session of the General Assembly for the purpose of considering such  
127 compact or amendment, or (B) ~~[within]~~ not later than thirty days after  
128 the first day of the next regular session of the General Assembly.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*