



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5587

February Session, 2002

**AN ACT CONCERNING TAX REBATES FOR LICENSEES
CONDUCTING JAI ALAI OR DOG RACING EVENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 12-575 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 87 of public act 01-9 of the June special session, is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4 *passage*):

5 (m) (1) The executive director shall pay each municipality in which
6 a horse race track is located, one-quarter of one per cent of the total
7 money wagered on horse racing events at such race track, except the
8 executive director shall pay each such municipality having a
9 population in excess of fifty thousand one per cent of the total money
10 wagered at such horse racing events in such municipality. The
11 executive director shall pay each municipality in which a jai alai
12 fronton or dog race track is located one-half of one per cent of the total
13 money wagered on jai alai games or dog racing events at such fronton
14 or dog race track, except the executive director shall pay each such
15 municipality having a population in excess of fifty thousand one per
16 cent of the total money wagered on jai alai games or dog racing events
17 at such fronton or dog race track located in such municipality. The
18 executive director shall pay each municipality in which an off-track
19 betting facility is located one and three-fifths per cent of the total
20 money wagered in such facility less amounts paid as refunds or for

21 cancellations. The executive director shall pay to both the city of New
22 Haven and the town of Windsor Locks an additional one-half of one
23 per cent of the total money wagered less any amount paid as a refund
24 or a cancellation in any facility equipped with screens for simulcasting
25 after October 1, 1997, located within a fifteen mile radius of facilities in
26 New Haven and Windsor Locks. Payment shall be made not less than
27 four times a year and not more than twelve times a year as determined
28 by the executive director, and shall be made from the tax imposed
29 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section for horse racing, subsection
30 (e) of this section for dog racing, subsection (f) of this section for jai alai
31 games and subsection (g) of this section for off-track betting. (2) If, for
32 any calendar year after the surrender of a license to conduct jai alai
33 events by any person or business organization pursuant to subsection
34 (c) of section 12-574c and prior to the opening of any dog race track by
35 such person or business organization, any other person or business
36 organization licensed to conduct jai alai events is authorized to
37 conduct a number of performances greater than the number
38 authorized for such licensee in the previous calendar year, the
39 executive director shall pay the municipality in which the jai alai
40 fronton for which such license was surrendered was located, rather
41 than the municipality in which the jai alai fronton conducting the
42 increased performances is located, one-half of one per cent of the total
43 money wagered on jai alai games for such increased performances at
44 the fronton which conducted the additional performances, except the
45 executive director shall pay each such municipality having a
46 population in excess of fifty thousand one per cent of the total money
47 wagered on jai alai games for such increased performances at such
48 fronton. (3) During any state fiscal year ending on or after June 30,
49 1993, the executive director shall pay each municipality in which a dog
50 race track was operating prior to July 5, 1991, one per cent of the total
51 money wagered on dog racing events at such dog race track. (4)
52 During the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, each municipality in
53 which a dog race track was operating prior to July 5, 1991, shall pay
54 the Northeast Connecticut Economic Alliance, Inc. two-tenths of one
55 per cent of the total money wagered on dog racing events at any dog

56 race track operating prior to July 5, 1991. [(5) In the event a licensee
57 incurs a loss from the operation of a pari-mutuel facility, as
58 determined by the executive director, the legislative body of the city or
59 town in which such facility is located may direct the executive director
60 to credit or rebate all or a part of the revenue otherwise due to the
61 municipality back to the facility. In no case shall such credit and such
62 reimbursement exceed the amount of the licensee's loss, and in no
63 fiscal year shall these provisions affect the total fees paid to the state by
64 the authorized operator of the off-track betting system on its off-track
65 betting activities.] (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections
66 (e) to (h), inclusive, of this section, in the event a licensee conducting jai
67 alai or dog racing events incurs a financial loss from the operation of a
68 jai alai fronton or dog track, as determined by the executive director,
69 the legislative body of the city or town in which such facility is located
70 may direct the executive director to rebate to such licensee all or part
71 of the revenue otherwise due to the municipality from the taxes
72 imposed under subsections (e) to (g), inclusive, of this section. In no
73 case shall such rebate exceed the amount of the loss incurred from the
74 operation of such jai alai fronton or dog track, as determined by the
75 executive director.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*