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**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 5296

File No. 400

Cal. No. 241

**"AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE BINGO GAMES AND SEALED TICKET SALES."**

1 After line 95, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. Section 12-818 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

4 [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, the Connecticut Lottery  
5 Corporation shall transfer the sum of eight hundred seventy-five  
6 thousand dollars of the revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets  
7 to the chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation account created  
8 pursuant to section 17a-713.]

9 (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year  
10 thereafter, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall transfer the sum

11 of one million two hundred thousand dollars of the revenue received  
12 from the sale of lottery tickets to the chronic gamblers treatment and  
13 rehabilitation account created pursuant to section 17a-713, as amended  
14 by this act.

15 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, and each fiscal year  
16 thereafter, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall transfer the sum  
17 of two hundred thousand dollars from that portion of the lottery fund  
18 used for the payment of prizes to the chronic gamblers treatment and  
19 rehabilitation account created pursuant to section 17a-713, as amended  
20 by this act.

21 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 17a-713 of the general statutes is  
22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
23 *1, 2003*):

24 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall  
25 establish a program for the treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive  
26 gamblers in the state. The program shall provide prevention, treatment  
27 and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. The department may  
28 enter into agreements with subregional planning and action councils  
29 and nonprofit organizations to assist in providing these services,  
30 provided not less than twenty-five per cent of the amount received  
31 pursuant to section 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be  
32 set aside for contracts with subregional planning and action councils  
33 established pursuant to section 17a-671 and nonprofit organizations  
34 and not less than five per cent of the amount received pursuant to  
35 section 12-818, as amended by this act, annually shall be set aside for a  
36 contract with the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling. The  
37 amount received pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-818, as  
38 amended by this act, annually shall be set aside for grants to local and  
39 regional boards of education for education programs on the problems  
40 associated with gambling pursuant to section 7 of this act. The  
41 department may impose a reasonable fee, on a sliding scale, on those  
42 participants who can afford to pay for any such services. The  
43 department shall implement such program when the account

44 established under subsection (b) of this section is sufficient to meet  
45 initial operating expenses. As used in this section "chronic gambler"  
46 means a person who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with  
47 gambling and the urge to gamble, and with gambling behavior that  
48 compromises, disrupts or damages personal, family or vocational  
49 pursuits.

50       Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Department of Mental  
51 Health and Addiction Services shall provide competitive grants to  
52 local and regional boards of education for education programs in the  
53 public schools on the problems associated with gambling. Local and  
54 regional boards of education may apply for such grants at such time  
55 and in such manner as the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
56 Addiction Services prescribes. Such boards of education may consult  
57 with subregional planning and action councils established pursuant to  
58 section 17a-671 of the general statutes in initiating such programs."