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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING LIVE HORSE RACING, DOG RACING OR JAI ALAI EVENTS ON CABLE TELEVISION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-571a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Division of Special Revenue and the Gaming Policy Board
4 shall not operate or authorize the operation of more than eighteen off-
5 track betting branch facilities, except that (1) the division and the board
6 may operate or authorize the operation of any off-track betting facility
7 approved prior to December 31, 1986, by the legislative body of a
8 municipality in accordance with subsection (a) of section 12-572, [.
9 Any] provided any facility approved prior to December 31, 1986, shall
10 be included within the eighteen branch facilities authorized by this
11 subsection; and (2) the division and the board may authorize telephone
12 account wagering conducted by any off-track betting facility in
13 conjunction with the televising of live horse racing, dog racing or jai
14 alai events, provided there is no advertising or other promotion of the
15 availability of such wagering in conjunction with the televising of such
16 racing or events.

17 (b) The eighteen off-track betting branch facilities authorized by
18 subsection (a) of this section may include eight facilities which have
19 screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race programs or jai
20 alai games and other amenities including, but not limited to,
21 restaurants and concessions, provided, on and after June 19, 1992, four
22 of such facilities shall be located in the town and city of New Haven,
23 the town of Windsor Locks, within the dog race track in the town of
24 Plainfield and within the fronton or dog race track in the town and city
25 of Bridgeport. Authority to simulcast does not include any branch
26 facility located within a zone of protection negotiated between the
27 operator of the off-track betting system and any other pari-mutuel
28 betting facility. Each such facility located within a fronton or a dog
29 race track shall be operated by the licensee authorized to operate the
30 off-track betting system in conjunction with the licensee of such
31 fronton or dog race track and all such facilities within a fronton or a
32 dog race track shall be operated in substantially the same manner. The
33 location of each such facility shall be approved by the executive
34 director with the consent of the Gaming Policy Board and shall be
35 subject to the prior approval of the legislative body of the town in
36 which such facility is proposed to be located. The division shall report
37 annually to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
38 having cognizance of matters relating to legalized gambling on the
39 status of the establishment or improvement of the off-track betting
40 branch facility pursuant to this subsection.

41 (c) If an operator of an off-track betting facility equipped with
42 screens for simulcasting intends to simulcast at such facility dog racing
43 events or jai alai games, such operator (1) shall simulcast dog racing
44 events or jai alai games conducted by any association licensee which
45 offers such racing events or games for simulcasting provided such
46 operator obtains the written consent of such licensee and any other
47 licensee authorized to conduct the same activity located within forty
48 miles of such facility, and (2) may simulcast out-of-state dog racing
49 events or jai alai games when no such association licensee is
50 conducting such racing events or games provided such operator has

51 complied with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

52 (d) The division and board or a licensee authorized to operate the
53 off-track betting system may operate any off-track betting branch office
54 facilities not operated in the manner of the facilities operated under
55 subsection (b) of this section as facilities which have monitors for off-
56 track betting information, bench seating and adequate public rest room
57 facilities for patrons.

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

PS *Joint Favorable*