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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT INCREASING COMMISSIONS PAYABLE TO LOTTERY SALES AGENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 12-806 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (b) The corporation shall have the following powers:

5 (1) To receive as transferee from the state of Connecticut all of the
6 tangible and intangible assets constituting the lottery including the
7 exclusive right to operate the lottery as the exclusive lottery of the state
8 and, subject to subsection (b) of section 12-808, to assume and
9 discharge all of the agreements, covenants and obligations of the
10 Division of Special Revenue entered into which constitute a part of the
11 operation and management of the lottery;

12 (2) To operate and manage the lottery consistent with the provisions
13 of sections 1-120, 1-121, 1-125, 12-557e, 12-563, 12-563a, 12-564, 12-566,
14 12-567, 12-568a and 12-569, subsection (d) of section 12-574 and

15 sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and as specifically provided in
16 section 12-812;

17 (3) To have perpetual succession as a body corporate and to adopt
18 bylaws, policies and procedures for the operation of its affairs and
19 conduct of its businesses;

20 (4) To introduce new lottery games, modify existing lottery games,
21 utilize existing and new technologies, determine distribution channels
22 for the sale of lottery tickets and, to the extent specifically authorized
23 by regulations adopted by the Division of Special Revenue pursuant to
24 chapter 54, introduce instant ticket vending machines, kiosks and
25 automated wagering systems or machines, with all such rights being
26 subject to regulatory oversight by the Division of Special Revenue,
27 except that the corporation shall not offer any interactive on-line
28 lottery games, including on-line video lottery games for promotional
29 purposes;

30 (5) To establish an annual budget of revenues and expenditures,
31 along with reasonable reserves for working capital, capital
32 expenditures, debt retirement and other anticipated expenditures, in a
33 manner and at levels considered by the board of directors as
34 appropriate and prudent;

35 (6) To adopt such administrative and operating procedures which
36 the board of directors deems appropriate;

37 (7) To enter into agreements with one or more states or territories of
38 the United States for the promotion and operation of joint lottery
39 games and to continue to participate in any joint lottery game in which
40 the corporation participates on July 1, 2003, regardless of whether any
41 government-authorized lottery operated outside of the United States
42 participates in such game;

43 (8) Subject to the provisions of section 12-815, to enter into
44 agreements with vendors with respect to the operation and

45 management of the lottery, including operation of lottery terminals,
46 management services, printing of lottery tickets, management
47 expertise, marketing expertise, advertising or such other goods or
48 services as the board of directors deems necessary and appropriate;

49 (9) To purchase or lease operating equipment, including, but not
50 limited to, computer gaming and automated wagering systems and to
51 employ agents or employees to operate such systems;

52 (10) To retain unclaimed prize funds as additional revenue for the
53 state, or to use unclaimed prize funds to increase sales, or to return to
54 participants unclaimed prize funds in a manner designed to increase
55 sales;

56 (11) To establish prize reserve accounts as the board of directors
57 deems appropriate;

58 (12) To pay lottery prizes as awarded under section 12-812, to
59 purchase annuities to fund such prizes, and to assure that all annuities
60 from which payments to winners of lottery prizes are made are
61 invested in instruments issued by agencies of the United States
62 government and backed by the full faith and credit of the United
63 States, or are issued by insurance companies licensed to do business in
64 the state, provided the issuer has been determined by the Division of
65 Special Revenue to be financially stable and meets the minimum
66 investment rating as determined by the division;

67 (13) To pay or to reimburse the Division of Special Revenue, the
68 Office of Policy and Management and other affected state agencies, for
69 the reasonable direct and indirect costs of the planning for and
70 implementation of the transactions contemplated by sections 12-563a
71 and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, including, without limitation, expenses
72 related to such transactions arising prior to June 14, 1996, and the
73 operation and management of the lottery, including, without
74 limitation, regulatory oversight of the corporation, costs arising
75 directly or indirectly from the licensing of lottery agents, performance

76 of state police background investigations, and the planning for and
77 implementation of the transactions contemplated by section 12-808;

78 (14) In the event that the operation or management of the
79 corporation becomes subject to the federal gaming occupation tax, to
80 pay such tax on behalf of lottery sales agents and to assist agents
81 subject thereto;

82 (15) To determine the commissions payable to lottery sales agents,
83 provided any agent's commission shall not average less than [five]
84 seven per cent of such agent's lottery sales;

85 (16) To invest in, acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and
86 dispose of real property and lease, convey or deal in or enter into
87 agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or
88 incidental to carrying out the purposes of sections 12-563a and 12-800
89 to 12-818, inclusive, provided such transactions shall not be subject to
90 approval, review or regulation pursuant to title 4b or any other statute
91 by any state agency, except that real property transactions shall be
92 subject to review by the State Properties Review Board;

93 (17) To borrow money for the purpose of obtaining working capital;

94 (18) To hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, marketing rights,
95 licenses or any other evidence of protection or exclusivity issued under
96 the laws of the United States or any state;

97 (19) To employ such assistants, agents and other employees as may
98 be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes in accordance with
99 sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, to fix their
100 compensation and, subject to the provisions of subsections (e) and (f)
101 of section 12-802, establish all necessary and appropriate personnel
102 practices and policies; to engage consultants, accountants, attorneys
103 and financial and other independent professionals as may be necessary
104 or desirable to assist the corporation in performing its purposes in
105 accordance with sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive;

106 (20) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary
107 or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its
108 powers under sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive;

109 (21) In its own name, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded,
110 adopt a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

111 (22) Subject to the approval of the board and to the requirement to
112 remit excess lottery funds to the General Fund as set forth in section
113 12-812, to invest any funds not needed for immediate use or
114 disbursement, including any funds held in approved reserve accounts,
115 in investments permitted by sections 3-20 and 3-27a for the proceeds of
116 state bonds;

117 (23) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with its
118 property and other assets in such amounts and from such insurers as it
119 deems desirable;

120 (24) To the extent permitted under any contract with other persons
121 to which the corporation is a party, to consent to any termination,
122 modification, forgiveness or other change of any term of any
123 contractual right, payment, royalty, contract or agreement of any kind;

124 (25) To acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of
125 personal property, and lease, convey or deal in or enter into
126 agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or
127 incidental to the carrying out of these purposes;

128 (26) To account for and audit funds of the corporation;

129 (27) To pay or provide for payment from operating revenues all
130 expenses, costs and obligations incurred by the corporation in the
131 exercise of the powers of the corporation under sections 12-563a and
132 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive; and

133 (28) To exercise any powers necessary to carry out the purposes of
134 sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	12-806(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To more fairly compensate lottery sales agents who have not had an increase in their commissions in thirty years.

[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.]

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