



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5545

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AN ACT CONCERNING SIMULCASTING FACILITIES.

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 Section 12-571a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 1, 2006*):

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 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. Any
9 facility approved prior to December 31, 1986, shall be included within
10 the eighteen branch facilities authorized by this subsection.

11 (b) The eighteen off-track betting branch facilities authorized by
12 subsection (a) of this section may [include eight facilities which] have
13 screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race programs or jai
14 alai games and other amenities including, but not limited to,
15 restaurants and concessions, provided, [on and after June 19, 1992,]
16 four of such facilities shall be located in the town and city of New
17 Haven, the town of Windsor Locks, [within the dog race track in] the
18 town of Plainfield at the location where the dog race track operates or
19 previously operated and within the fronton or dog race track in the

20 town and city of Bridgeport. Authority to simulcast does not include
21 any branch facility located within a zone of protection negotiated
22 between the operator of the off-track betting system and any other
23 pari-mutuel betting facility. Each such facility located within a fronton
24 or a dog race track shall be operated by the licensee authorized to
25 operate the off-track betting system in conjunction with the licensee,
26 owner or operator of such fronton or dog race track and all such
27 facilities within a fronton or a dog race track shall be operated in
28 substantially the same manner. Notwithstanding any provision of the
29 general statutes or any regulation, the fronton or dog race track in the
30 town and city of Bridgeport and the simulcast facility in the town of
31 Plainfield shall not be required to operate any racing days as a
32 condition of their license or operation. The location of each such
33 facility shall be approved by the executive director with the consent of
34 the Gaming Policy Board and shall be subject to the prior approval of
35 the legislative body of the town in which such facility is proposed to be
36 located. The division shall report annually to the joint standing
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
38 relating to legalized gambling on the status of the establishment or
39 improvement of the off-track betting branch facility pursuant to this
40 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

