



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7043**

January Session, 2007

\*           HB07043PS\_PD\_030707           \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING OFF-TRACK BETTING BRANCH 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 Section 12-571a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2007*):

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~~] three of such facilities shall be located in the town and city of  
17      New Haven, the town of Windsor Locks [, within the dog race track in  
18      the town of Plainfield and within the fronton or dog race track] and in  
19      the town and city of Bridgeport. [Authority to simulcast does not  
20      include any branch facility located within a zone of protection

21 negotiated between the operator of the off-track betting system and  
22 any other pari-mutuel betting facility. Each such facility located within  
23 a fronton or a dog race track shall be operated by the licensee  
24 authorized to operate the off-track betting system in conjunction with  
25 the licensee of such fronton or dog race track and all such facilities  
26 within a fronton or a dog race track shall be operated in substantially  
27 the same manner.] The location of each such facility shall be approved  
28 by the executive director with the consent of the Gaming Policy Board  
29 and shall be subject to the prior approval of the legislative body of the  
30 town in which such facility is proposed to be located. The division  
31 shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the General  
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to legalized gambling  
33 on the status of the establishment or improvement of the off-track  
34 betting branch facility pursuant to this subsection.

35 [(c) If an operator of an off-track betting facility equipped with  
36 screens for simulcasting intends to simulcast at such facility dog racing  
37 events or jai alai games, such operator (1) shall simulcast dog racing  
38 events or jai alai games conducted by any association licensee which  
39 offers such racing events or games for simulcasting provided such  
40 operator obtains the written consent of such licensee and any other  
41 licensee authorized to conduct the same activity located within forty  
42 miles of such facility and (2) may simulcast out-of-state dog racing  
43 events or jai alai games when no such association licensee is  
44 conducting such racing events or games provided such operator has  
45 complied with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.]

46 [(d) The division and board or a licensee authorized to operate the  
47 off-track betting system may operate any off-track betting branch office  
48 facilities not operated in the manner of the facilities operated under  
49 subsection (b) of this section as facilities which have monitors for off-  
50 track betting information, bench seating and adequate public rest room  
51 facilities for patrons.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	12-571a
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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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