



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6358

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The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. SHARKEY of the 88th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL 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 Section 12-571a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 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 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 [~~ten~~] twelve facilities which
13 have screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race programs or

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - Revenue Gain	119,000	119,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Milford	Revenue Gain	48,000	48,000
Putnam	Revenue Gain	48,000	48,000

Explanation

The bill increases the number of off-track betting (OTB) facilities that may operate as simulcasting facilities from 10 to 12, and requires one to be in Milford and the other in Putnam. This will result in an annual revenue gain to the General Fund of approximately \$119,000 from the new OTB facilities. This will also result in an annual revenue gain to the towns in which the OTB facilities reside of approximately \$48,000.

The licensee of the off-track betting system is required to pay to the state 3.5% of the total money wagered, of which the state retains 1.9% and shares 1.6% with the host municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6358*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING
BRANCH FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the number of off-track betting (OTB) facilities that may operate as simulcasting facilities (i.e., televise OTB programs), from 10 to 12 of the 18 currently authorized OTB facilities, and requires that one be in Milford and the other in Putnam.

By law, the location of OTB facilities must be approved by the Division of Special Revenue (DSR) and the legislative body of the town where the facility will be located.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***OTB Facilities***

By law, simulcasting facilities are OTB facilities authorized to (1) provide live television coverage of OTB programs and jai alai games and (2) have restaurants, concessions, and other amenities. Other OTB facilities have bench seating, public restrooms for patrons, and monitors for OTB information.

Currently, the 10 simulcasting facilities are located in:

1. Windsor Locks (Bradley)
2. Bridgeport
3. Bristol
4. East Haven

- 5. Hartford
- 6. New Britain
- 7. New Haven
- 8. Norwalk
- 9. Torrington
- 10. Waterbury

According to DSR, an OTB facility is scheduled to open in Milford shortly and another is planned for Putnam.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 20 Nay 0 (02/17/2009)

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 17 Nay 1 (03/20/2009)