



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5791**

LCO No. 4340

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CONTEST ENTRY FEES AND SERVICES CHARGES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 42-110b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 (a) No person shall engage in unfair methods of competition and  
4 unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or  
5 commerce.

6 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that in construing subsection (a)  
7 of this section, the commissioner and the courts of this state shall be  
8 guided by interpretations given by the Federal Trade Commission and  
9 the federal courts to Section 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission  
10 Act (15 USC 45(a)(1)), as from time to time amended.

11 (c) The commissioner may, in accordance with chapter 54, establish  
12 by regulation acts, practices or methods which shall be deemed to be  
13 unfair or deceptive in violation of subsection (a) of this section. Such  
14 regulations shall not be inconsistent with the rules, regulations and

15 decisions of the federal trade commission and the federal courts in  
16 interpreting the provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act. Such  
17 regulations shall not prohibit an organizer or promoter of a contest or  
18 game from charging an entry fee or entry service charge.

19 (d) It is the intention of the legislature that this chapter be remedial  
20 and be so construed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	42-110b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow Connecticut residents to participate in state and national contests and games requiring entry fees and service charges.

*[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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