



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 103**

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House Bill No. 5236

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2010*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADDITIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING  
BRANCH FACILITY IN NEW LONDON.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-571a of the 2010 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) The Division of Special Revenue and the Gaming Policy Board  
5 shall not operate or authorize the operation of more than eighteen off-  
6 track betting branch facilities, except that the division and the board  
7 may operate or authorize the operation of any off-track betting facility  
8 approved prior to December 31, 1986, by the legislative body of a  
9 municipality in accordance with subsection (a) of section 12-572. Any  
10 facility approved prior to December 31, 1986, shall be included within  
11 the eighteen branch facilities authorized by this subsection.

12 (b) The eighteen off-track betting branch facilities authorized by  
13 subsection (a) of this section may include [twelve] thirteen facilities

14 which have screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race  
 15 programs or jai alai games and other amenities including, but not  
 16 limited to, restaurants and concessions, provided, on and after [June  
 17 18, 2009] the effective date of this section, the [twelve] thirteen facilities  
 18 which have simulcasting shall be located in the town and city of New  
 19 Haven, the town of Windsor Locks, the town of East Haven, the town  
 20 and city of Norwalk, the town and city of Hartford, the town and city  
 21 of New Britain, the town and city of Bristol, the town and city of  
 22 Torrington, the town and city of Waterbury, the town and city of  
 23 Milford, the town and city of New London, the town of Putnam and in  
 24 the town and city of Bridgeport. The location of each such facility and  
 25 the addition of simulcasting capability to any existing off-track betting  
 26 facility that did not previously have such capability (1) shall be  
 27 approved by the executive director with the consent of the Gaming  
 28 Policy Board, and (2) shall be subject to the prior approval of the  
 29 legislative body of the town in which such facility is located or is  
 30 proposed to be located. The division shall report annually to the joint  
 31 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 32 matters relating to legalized gambling on the status of the  
 33 establishment or improvement of the off-track betting branch facility  
 34 pursuant to this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-571a

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
Department of Revenue Services	GF - Revenue Gain	12,500	12,500

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
New London	Revenue Gain	9,800	9,800

**Explanation**

The bill results in an annual revenue gain to the General Fund of approximately \$12,500 attributable to increased transfers from Off-Track Betting (OTB) facilities. The bill also results in an annual revenue gain to New London of approximately \$9,800<sup>1</sup>.

**The Out Years**

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

Sources: *Division of Special Revenue Statistical Reports*

<sup>1</sup> The increase in revenue to the General Fund and the town of New London is dependent on the New London legislative body approving the simulcasting facility.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5236*****AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADDITIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING BRANCH FACILITY IN NEW LONDON.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the number of off-track betting (OTB) facilities that may operate as simulcasting facilities (i.e., televise OTB programs), from 12 to 13 of the 18 currently authorized OTB facilities. It requires that the new simulcasting facility be located in New London.

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 12 simulcasting facilities are located in Bridgeport, Bristol, East Haven, Hartford, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, Norwalk, Putnam, Torrington, Waterbury, and Windsor Locks.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 3 (03/09/2010)