



# House of Representatives

**File No. 668**

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5236  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 29, 2010

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING BRANCH FACILITIES IN NEW LONDON, MANCHESTER AND WINDHAM.***

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2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  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] fifteen 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] fifteen 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 Manchester,  
 24 the town of Windham, the town of Putnam and in the town and city of  
 25 Bridgeport. The location of each such facility and the addition of  
 26 simulcasting capability to any existing off-track betting facility that did  
 27 not previously have such capability (1) shall be approved by the  
 28 executive director with the consent of the Gaming Policy Board, and  
 29 (2) shall be subject to the prior approval of the legislative body of the  
 30 town in which such facility is located or is proposed to be located. The  
 31 division shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the  
 32 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to legalized  
 33 gambling on the status of the establishment or improvement of the off-  
 34 track betting branch facility 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

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	37,500	150,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	29,800	112,500

**Explanation**

The bill as amended is expected to result in a revenue gain to the General Fund of approximately \$37,500 in FY 11 and \$150,000 in FY 12 and a revenue gain to certain municipalities of approximately \$29,800 in FY 11 and \$112,500 in FY 12<sup>1</sup>.

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% to the host municipalities.

House "A" increases the number of off-track betting (OTB) facilities that may operate as simulcasting facilities from 13 to 15 of the 18 currently authorized OTB facilities. It requires that the new simulcasting facilities be located in Manchester and Windham.

This is expected to result in a revenue gain to the General Fund of

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

approximately \$25,000 in FY 11 and up to \$125,000 in FY 12 and a revenue gain to certain municipalities of approximately \$20,000 in FY 11 and up to as \$100,000 in FY 12.

***The Out Years***

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

*Sources: Division of Special Revenue*

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**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5236 (as amended by House "A")\******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 15 of the 18 currently authorized OTB facilities. It requires that the new simulcasting facilities be located in Manchester, New London, and Windham.

\*House Amendment "A" adds Manchester and Windham to the towns in which simulcasting may be located, thereby increasing, from 13 to 15, the number of towns in the original bill.

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)