



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 449**

January Session, 2011

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1037

*Senate, April 7, 2011*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **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 Section 12-571a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2011*):

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

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



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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill expedites the off-track betting simulcast approval process at certain facilities, which does not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

*Sources: Division of Special Revenue website*

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1037****AN ACT CONCERNING OFF-TRACK BETTING BRANCH FACILITIES.****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the number of off-track betting (OTB) facilities that may operate as simulcasting facilities from 15 to all 18 of the currently authorized OTB facilities. Current law specifies the 15 towns in which the currently authorized simulcasting facilities must be located, and the facilities are currently operating in these locations. The bill allows the three additional facilities to operate in unspecified locations.

By law, the location of an OTB or simulcasting facility must be approved by the Division of Special Revenue and the legislative body of the host town.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**BACKGROUND*****Simulcasting 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 only bench seating, public restrooms for patrons, and monitors for OTB information.

Currently, the 15 simulcasting facilities are located in Bridgeport, Bristol, East Haven, Hartford, Manchester, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Putnam, Torrington, Waterbury, Windham, and Windsor Locks.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 4 (03/23/2011)