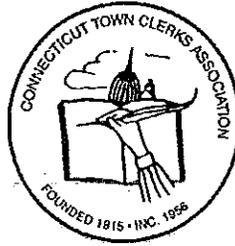


# Connecticut Town Clerks Association, Inc.

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## **2011 Legislative Committee**

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Testimony of  
Debra Denette, Town Clerk of East Haddam & Member of CTCA Legislative Committee  
Environment Committee  
Wednesday, February 9, 2011

### **HB 5205, AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING, TRAPPING AND SPORTS FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS.**

To create parity between the hunting, trapping and fishing license fees paid by out-of-state residents to this state and the hunting, trapping and fishing license fees that Connecticut residents are required to pay in other states.

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Good morning Senator Meyer, Representative Roy and the members of the Environment Committee, my name is Debra Denette, and I am testifying on behalf of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association (CTCA). I am a member of the legislative committee for the Association and the Town Clerk of East Haddam. I am here today to request an amendment to House Bill 5205.

The Town Clerks Association understands the desire to create parity in fees for sports licensing and as agents for the state, town clerks have an interest in the fee we are paid for services we render. With the inception of the Point of Sale terminals, agents receive \$1.00 per transaction, rather than \$1.00 per license sold. While it is feasible for an agent to process multiple transactions per customer to increase its fee, that does not constitute good public service for our customers. There are also additional sporting privileges that the agent may now sell, which has resulted in additional work for the agent, but does not correlate with revenue received. As a point of fact, many Town Clerks have opted not to be an agent for the State for Sports Licensing because it takes considerable staff time and does not generate a justifiable return.

Examples directly from the Town of East Haddam:

Date range of licenses sold	Value of State licenses sold	Agent retained
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010	\$15,625.00	\$395
January 1, 2009 December 31, 2009	\$20,284.00	\$726
January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008	\$13,887	\$613

In summary, the Town Clerk's Association is requesting an amendment to HB 5205 to mandate the State compensate agents more fairly for their part in issuing a license. The Town Clerk's Association would like to propose that the agent should receive a set fee of \$2.00 per paid item sold.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you may have at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk  
Member, CTCA Legislative Committee