

The only effect of passing any legislation that encourages gambling, drinking, drug use, etc. is detrimental to Connecticut's society, and is an erosion of quality of life to which each citizen is entitled.

Senators and representatives must take responsibility for their actions and remind themselves that they stand for their constituents. They must listen to the voices of the people they represent. It is the legislator who is supposed to protect citizens not to do them harm by passing deleterious laws that ultimately destroy the individual, the family or any constructive element of society. Laws like HB 7054 only diminish the strengths that make our state a positive and nurturing place to live.

Passing HB 7054 or similar bills will ultimately result in the state's having to take financial responsibility for the fall out from this foolish posturing in the form of rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, etc. to treat people who have succumbed to any variety of addictions.

Collecting taxes this way is imprudent at best.

This article sums up precisely why legalizing keno gambling, or any legislation of a similar nature *cannot* be signed into Connecticut law.

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NO to HB 7054

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