



*Testimony for the Public Safety and Security Committee  
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**Please OPPOSE HB 5922, AAC Lottery Winners Who are Tax Delinquent**

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This bill is unnecessary and would result in a revenue loss to the state.

As drafted, this bill would require the CT Lottery Corporation to check all claimants who have a winning ticket worth \$10,000 or more against a state tax delinquency database. If that claimant owes state taxes, the delinquency amount would be withheld from the prize paid.

I am happy to report that since 2012, the CT Lottery Corporation and the Department of Revenue Services have been working together to do just this (see CGS §12-829) , but we actually check for state tax delinquencies on all tickets worth \$5000 or more. To date, the CT Lottery Corporation has collected \$843,610 in delinquent taxes. If this amount were raised to \$10,000, the CT Lottery Corporation would obviously collect less in delinquent taxes.

We urge you to oppose this bill.

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