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LCO No. 5123



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GAMING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-557b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 As used in this chapter, sections 12-579 and 12-580, [and] chapter  
4 226b, and sections 3 and 4 of this act, and section 53-278g, as amended  
5 by this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
7 Protection;

8 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

9 (3) "Business organization" means a partnership, incorporated or  
10 unincorporated association, firm, corporation, trust or other form of  
11 business or legal entity, other than a financial institution regulated by a  
12 state or federal agency which is not exercising control over an  
13 association licensee; [and]

14 (4) "Control" means the power to exercise authority over or direct

15 the management and policies of a person or business organization;

16 (5) "Authorized games" means any game played with cards, dice,  
17 equipment or any mechanical, electromechanical or electronic device  
18 or machine for money, checks, credit or any representative of value,  
19 including, but not limited to, blackjack, poker, dice, money-wheels,  
20 roulette, baccarat, chuck-a-luck, pan game, over and under, acey-  
21 deuce, beat the dealer, bouncing ball, slot machines and such other  
22 games as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may approve;

23 (6) "Casino gaming facility" means any room or rooms in which  
24 authorized games are conducted; and

25 (7) "Gross operating revenue" means the total of the winnings from  
26 patrons in a casino gaming facility less the total of the losses paid to  
27 patrons as prizes.

28 Sec. 2. Section 12-574 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

30 (a) (1) No person or business organization may conduct a meeting at  
31 which racing or the exhibition of jai alai is permitted for any stake,  
32 purse or reward or operate the off-track betting system unless such  
33 person or business organization is licensed as an association licensee  
34 by the commissioner. Any such licensee authorized to conduct a  
35 meeting or operate the off-track betting system shall indemnify and  
36 save harmless the state of Connecticut against any and all actions,  
37 claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature which the state may  
38 sustain or incur by reason or in consequence of issuing such license.

39 (2) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may issue up to  
40 three casino gaming facility licenses to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe  
41 and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut to authorize such  
42 tribes to act jointly to establish and operate up to three casino gaming  
43 facilities in the state, provided (A) the tribes shall execute a  
44 memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General pursuant  
45 to section 3 of this act, and (B) the establishment of a casino gaming

46 facility in any municipality shall be subject to the approval of the  
47 legislative body of the municipality which shall be given only after a  
48 public hearing on the proposal to establish such casino gaming facility.  
49 Any such licensee authorized to establish a casino gaming facility shall  
50 indemnify and save harmless the state of Connecticut against any and  
51 all actions, claims and demands of whatever kind or nature which the  
52 state may sustain or incur by reason or in consequence of issuing such  
53 license.

54 (b) No person or business organization may operate any concession  
55 at any meeting at which racing or the exhibition of jai alai is permitted  
56 or any concession which is allied to an off-track betting facility or to a  
57 casino gaming facility unless such person or business organization is  
58 licensed as a concessionaire licensee by the commissioner.

59 (c) No person or business organization awarded the primary  
60 contract by an association licensee or awarded any contract by a casino  
61 gaming facility licensee to provide facilities, components, goods or  
62 services which are necessary for the operation of the activities  
63 authorized by the provisions of section 12-572 or by the provisions of  
64 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section may do so unless such  
65 person or business organization is licensed as a vendor licensee by the  
66 commissioner.

67 (d) No person or business organization may provide totalizator  
68 equipment and services to any association licensee for the operation of  
69 a pari-mutuel system unless such person or business organization is  
70 licensed as a totalizator licensee by the commissioner.

71 (e) No business organization, other than a shareholder in a publicly  
72 traded corporation, may exercise control in or over an association, a  
73 concessionaire, a vendor or a totalizator licensee unless such business  
74 organization is licensed as an affiliate licensee by the commissioner.  
75 The commissioner shall issue affiliate licenses to qualified business  
76 organizations.

77 (f) No person may participate in this state in any activity permitted  
78 under this chapter as an employee of an association, concessionaire,  
79 vendor, totalizator, [or] affiliate or casino gaming facility licensee  
80 unless such person is licensed as an occupational licensee by the  
81 commissioner. Whether located in or out of this state, no officer,  
82 director, partner, trustee or owner of a business organization which  
83 obtains a license in accordance with this section may continue in such  
84 capacity unless such officer, director, partner, trustee or owner is  
85 licensed as an occupational licensee by the commissioner. An  
86 occupational license shall also be obtained by any shareholder, key  
87 executive, agent or other person connected with any association,  
88 concessionaire, vendor, totalizator, [or] affiliate or casino gaming  
89 facility licensee, who in the judgment of the commissioner will exercise  
90 control in or over any such licensee. Such person shall apply for a  
91 license not later than thirty days after the commissioner requests him  
92 or her, in writing, to do so. The commissioner shall complete [his] an  
93 investigation of an applicant for an occupational license and notify  
94 such applicant of [his] the commissioner's decision to approve or deny  
95 the application within one year after its receipt, or, if the commissioner  
96 determines good cause exists for extending such period of  
97 investigation and gives the applicant a reasonable opportunity for a  
98 hearing, by the date prescribed by the commissioner.

99 (g) In determining whether to grant a license, the commissioner may  
100 require the applicant to submit information as to: Financial standing  
101 and credit; moral character; criminal record, if any; previous  
102 employment; corporate, partnership or association affiliations;  
103 ownership of personal assets; and such other information as [it or he]  
104 the commissioner deems pertinent to the issuance of such license.

105 (h) The commissioner may reject for good cause an application for a  
106 license. Any license granted under the provisions of this chapter is a  
107 revocable privilege and no licensee shall be deemed to have acquired  
108 any vested rights based on the issuance of such license. The  
109 commissioner, the deputy commissioner, the executive assistant, any

110 unit head or any assistant unit head authorized by the commissioner  
111 may suspend or revoke for good cause any license issued by the  
112 commissioner after a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54. If  
113 any affiliate licensee fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter,  
114 the commissioner, after a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54,  
115 may revoke or suspend the license of any one or more of the following  
116 related licensees: Concessionaire, vendor or totalizator, and may fine  
117 any one or more of such licensees in an amount not to exceed two  
118 thousand five hundred dollars. In addition, if any affiliate licensee fails  
119 to comply with the provisions of this chapter, the commissioner, after a  
120 hearing held in accordance with chapter 54, may revoke or suspend  
121 the license of the related association licensee or casino gaming facility  
122 licensee and may fine the related association licensee or casino gaming  
123 facility licensee in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand  
124 dollars or both. If any license is suspended or revoked, the  
125 commissioner shall state the reasons for such suspension or revocation  
126 and cause an entry of such reasons to be made on the record books of  
127 the department. Any licensee whose license is suspended or revoked,  
128 or any applicant aggrieved by the action of the commissioner  
129 concerning an application for a license, may appeal pursuant to section  
130 4-183.

131 (i) (1) The commissioner shall adopt regulations governing the  
132 operation of the off-track betting system and facilities, tracks, stables,  
133 kennels and frontons, including the regulation of betting in connection  
134 therewith, to insure the integrity and security of the conduct of  
135 meetings and the broadcast of racing events held pursuant to this  
136 chapter. Such regulations shall include provision for the imposition of  
137 fines and suspension of licenses for violations thereof. Prior to the  
138 adoption of any regulations concerning the treatment of animals at any  
139 dog race track, the commissioner shall notify the National Greyhound  
140 Association of the contents of such regulations and of its right to  
141 request a hearing pursuant to chapter 54. The commissioner shall have  
142 the authority to impose a fine of up to [(1)] (A) seventy-five thousand  
143 dollars for any violation of such regulations by a licensee authorized to

144 conduct a meeting or operate the off-track betting system under this  
145 section; [(2)] (B) five thousand dollars for any violation of such  
146 regulations by a business organization licensed as an affiliate licensee  
147 authorized to exercise control over an association; and [(3)] (C) two  
148 thousand five hundred dollars for any such violation by any other  
149 licensee licensed by the commissioner. The stewards or judges of a  
150 meeting acting in accordance with such regulations shall have the  
151 authority to impose a fine of up to five hundred dollars for any such  
152 violation by such licensee, and the players' manager of a jai alai  
153 exhibition acting in accordance with such regulations shall have the  
154 authority to recommend to the judges that a fine should be considered  
155 for a player who may have violated such regulations. The  
156 commissioner may delegate to the stewards and judges of a meeting  
157 the power to suspend the license of any occupational licensee  
158 employed in this state by an association licensee for a period not to  
159 exceed sixty days for any violation of such regulations. If any license is  
160 suspended, such stewards and judges of a meeting shall state the  
161 reasons therefor in writing. All fines imposed pursuant to this section  
162 shall be paid over to the General Fund upon receipt by the department.  
163 Any person or business organization fined or suspended pursuant to  
164 this section shall have a right of appeal to the commissioner for a  
165 hearing that shall be conducted pursuant to chapter 54. Any person or  
166 business organization aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner  
167 following such a hearing shall have a right of appeal pursuant to  
168 section 4-183.

169 (2) The Department of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations,  
170 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, of the general statutes,  
171 to ensure proper, safe and orderly conduct of a casino gaming facility  
172 and to protect the public against fraud or overcharge. Such regulations  
173 shall include, but not be limited to: (A) Requirements regarding a  
174 system of internal procedures and administrative and accounting  
175 controls; (B) requirements relating to security, which shall include, but  
176 not be limited to, videotaped monitoring of any casino gaming facility  
177 and other areas in which cash is handled; (C) establishment of hours of

178 operation; (D) procedures governing the manufacture, sale and  
179 distribution of gaming devices and equipment; (E) procedures for the  
180 recovery of winning wagers by patrons of the casino gaming facility;  
181 (F) the manner in which gross operating revenue must be computed  
182 and reported by the casino gaming facility; (G) requirements for audits  
183 of the financial statement of the casino gaming facility; (H)  
184 requirements for periodic financial reports from the casino gaming  
185 facility consistent with standards and intervals prescribed by the  
186 department; (I) procedures to be followed by the casino gaming facility  
187 for cash transactions; (J) the filing of agreements and descriptions of  
188 agreements regarding any business or person doing business with, or  
189 on the premises of, a casino gaming facility; and (K) provisions for the  
190 imposition of fines and suspension of licenses for violations of law or  
191 regulations.

192 (j) The commissioner shall have the power to require that the books  
193 and records of any licensee, other than an occupational licensee, shall  
194 be maintained in any manner which [he] the commissioner may deem  
195 best, and that any financial or other statements based on such books  
196 and records shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted  
197 accounting principles in such form as [he] the commissioner shall  
198 prescribe. The commissioner or [his] the commissioner's designee shall  
199 also be authorized to visit, to investigate and to place expert  
200 accountants and such other persons as he or she may deem necessary,  
201 in the offices, tracks, frontons, off-track betting facilities, casino gaming  
202 facility or places of business of any such licensee, for the purpose of  
203 satisfying himself or herself that the department's regulations are  
204 strictly complied with.

205 (k) The commissioner may at any time for good cause require the  
206 removal of any employee or official employed by any licensee  
207 hereunder.

208 (l) The commissioner may, on his or her own motion or upon  
209 application, exempt any person or business organization from the  
210 licensing requirements of this chapter or some or all of the disclosure

211 requirements of chapter 226b, provided the applicant does not exercise  
212 control in or over an integral part of any activity which is authorized  
213 under this chapter. The burden of proving that an exemption should  
214 be granted rests solely with the applicant. The commissioner may limit  
215 or condition the terms of an exemption and such determination shall  
216 be final.

217 (m) Any person aiding or abetting in the operation of an off-track  
218 betting system or the conduct of any meeting within this state at which  
219 racing or the exhibition of the game of jai alai shall be permitted for  
220 any stake, purse or reward, except in accordance with a license duly  
221 issued and unsuspended or unrevoked by the commissioner, shall be  
222 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

223 (n) The majority of the membership of the board of directors of any  
224 corporation licensed to operate the off-track betting system or to hold  
225 or conduct any meeting within the state of Connecticut at which racing  
226 or the exhibition of the game of jai alai shall be permitted for any stake,  
227 purse or reward, shall be residents of the state of Connecticut.

228 (o) Any license granted under this section, other than an association  
229 license authorizing the licensee to conduct a meeting or operate the off-  
230 track betting system and a casino gaming facility license authorizing  
231 the licensee to establish and operate a casino gaming facility, as  
232 described in subsection (a) of this section, or an affiliate license  
233 authorizing the licensee to exercise control in or over an association  
234 licensee, as described in subsection (e) of this section, shall be effective  
235 for not more than one year from the date of issuance. Initial application  
236 for and renewal of any license shall be in such form and manner as the  
237 commissioner shall prescribe by regulation.

238 (p) Any person or business organization issued a license to conduct  
239 dog racing shall establish a pet adoption program for the proper  
240 housing and care of retired greyhounds and shall provide financial  
241 support for such program and any facility operated to implement such  
242 program.

243 (q) Any person or business organization issued a license to conduct  
244 dog racing pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-574c shall employ  
245 persons who, at the time of employment, are recipients of assistance  
246 under the state-administered general assistance program, state  
247 supplement program, medical assistance program, temporary family  
248 assistance program or supplemental nutrition assistance program to  
249 fill not less than twenty per cent of the positions created by the  
250 conversion of a jai alai fronton to a dog race track if such persons have  
251 been trained for such employment by public or publicly funded  
252 agencies in coordination with such licensee.

253 (r) Any person or business organization issued a license to conduct  
254 dog racing pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-574c shall provide  
255 an on-site day care facility for use by employees of the dog race track.  
256 Such licensee shall employ persons who, at the time of employment,  
257 are recipients of aid under chapter 302 or 308 to fill not less than fifty  
258 per cent of the positions at such day care facility if such persons have  
259 been trained for such employment by public or publicly funded  
260 agencies in coordination with such licensee.

261 (s) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the  
262 contrary, any person or business organization issued a license to  
263 conduct dog racing may operate on a year-round basis and may  
264 conduct such number of performances as it may elect, provided the  
265 total number of such performances does not exceed five hundred  
266 eighty performances in any calendar year.

267 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) Notwithstanding the  
268 requirements of section 3-6c of the general statutes, the Attorney  
269 General, on behalf of the state of Connecticut, shall have the authority  
270 to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Mashantucket  
271 Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut  
272 concerning the possible establishment and operation of a casino  
273 gaming facility by the tribes in the state of Connecticut. The  
274 memorandum of understanding shall provide that if the tribes receive  
275 a license to establish and operate a casino gaming facility, the tribes

276 shall contribute, on an annual basis, a specified amount of money to  
277 the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling, a specified percentage  
278 of gross operating revenues to the state and a specified percentage of  
279 gross operating revenue to the municipality in which the casino  
280 gaming facility is proposed to be located.

281       Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) Each casino gaming  
282 facility licensee shall submit to the Department of Consumer  
283 Protection a description of its system of internal procedures and  
284 administrative and accounting controls at least ninety days before  
285 gaming operations are to commence. Such information shall contain  
286 both narrative and diagrammatic representations of the internal  
287 control system to be utilized by the casino gaming facility, including,  
288 but not limited to: (1) Accounting controls, including the  
289 standardization of forms and definition of terms to be utilized in the  
290 gaming operations; (2) job descriptions and the system of personnel  
291 and supervisors; (3) procedures for the receipt, storage and disposal of  
292 chips, cash and other cash equivalents used in authorized games, the  
293 cashing of checks, the redemption of chips and other cash equivalents  
294 used for gaming and the recording of transactions pertaining to  
295 gaming operations; (4) procedures for the collection and security of  
296 moneys at the gaming tables; (5) procedures for the transfer of moneys  
297 from the gaming tables to the counting process; (6) procedures and  
298 security for the counting and recording of revenue; (7) procedures for  
299 the security, storage and recording of chips and other cash equivalents  
300 utilized in the gaming operation; (8) procedures for the transfer of  
301 moneys or chips from and to the slot machines; (9) procedures for the  
302 payment and recording of slot machine jackpots; (10) procedures for  
303 the cashing and recording of checks exchanged by casino patrons; (11)  
304 procedures and security standards for the handling and storage of  
305 gaming apparatus including cards, dice, machines, wheels and all  
306 other gaming equipment; and (12) procedures and rules governing the  
307 conduct of authorized games and the responsibility of casino  
308 employees with respect to such games.

309 (b) The department shall review and approve each submission of  
310 information required by subsection (a) of this section. No casino  
311 gaming facility licensee shall commence gaming operations, or alter its  
312 system of internal procedure, unless such system is approved by the  
313 department.

314 Sec. 5. Section 12-561 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
315 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

316 No commissioner or unit head or employee of the department shall  
317 directly or indirectly, individually or as a member of a partnership or  
318 as a shareholder of a corporation, have any interest whatsoever in  
319 dealing in any lottery, racing, fronton, [or] betting enterprise or casino  
320 gaming facility or in the ownership or leasing of any property or  
321 premises used by or for any lottery, racing, fronton, [or] betting  
322 enterprise or casino gaming facility. No commissioner or unit head  
323 shall, directly or indirectly, wager at any off-track betting facility, race  
324 track, [or] fronton or casino gaming facility authorized under this  
325 chapter or purchase lottery tickets issued under this chapter. The  
326 commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the  
327 provisions of chapter 54 to prohibit any employee of the department  
328 from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any form of legalized  
329 gambling activity in which such employee is involved because of his or  
330 her employment with the department. For purposes of this section,  
331 "unit head" means a managerial employee with direct oversight of a  
332 legalized gambling activity.

333 Sec. 6. Section 12-563a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
334 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

335 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall, within available  
336 resources, prepare and distribute informational materials designed to  
337 inform the public of the programs available for the prevention,  
338 treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive gamblers in this state. The  
339 commissioner shall require any person or business organization which  
340 is licensed to sell lottery tickets, operate an off-track betting system,

341 [or] conduct wagering on racing events or jai alai games or operate a  
342 casino gaming facility, to display such informational materials at each  
343 licensed premise.

344 Sec. 7. Section 12-576 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
345 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

346 (a) Any person who knowingly permits any minor to wager in any  
347 gambling activity authorized under this chapter and any minor who  
348 places a wager in any gambling activity authorized under this chapter  
349 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

350 (b) Any person who knowingly permits a minor to be present in any  
351 room, office, building or establishment when off-track betting  
352 authorized under this chapter takes place, [or] at any racetrack or  
353 fronton when any meeting authorized under this chapter takes place  
354 or at any casino gaming facility, shall be fined not more than twenty-  
355 five dollars. No minor shall be present in any room, office, building or  
356 establishment when off-track betting authorized under this chapter  
357 takes place, [or] at any racetrack or fronton when any meeting  
358 authorized under this chapter takes place or at any casino gaming  
359 facility. Any minor sixteen years of age or over present in any room,  
360 office, building or establishment when off-track betting authorized  
361 under this chapter takes place, or at any racetrack or fronton when any  
362 meeting authorized under this chapter takes place, shall be fined not  
363 more than twenty-five dollars. Any licensee authorized to conduct a  
364 meeting for the purpose of jai alai or racing shall be fined not more  
365 than fifty dollars if any minor is found at such facility in violation of  
366 this subsection. Any licensee authorized to operate a casino gaming  
367 facility shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars if any minor  
368 is found at such facility in violation of this subsection.

369 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) or (b) of this  
370 section, the commissioner may issue a license to a minor sixteen years  
371 of age or older, under the provisions of section 12-578, as amended by  
372 this act, and the regulations adopted thereunder, provided written

373 permission from a parent or legal guardian of such minor is filed with  
374 the department. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to  
375 minors at a casino gaming facility.

376 (d) The commissioner shall not pay any claim for winnings when  
377 such claim is made by, or on behalf of, a minor who has wagered in  
378 any gambling activity authorized under this chapter. Nothing in this  
379 subsection shall prohibit an adult from making a wager on behalf of a  
380 minor, provided the money for such wager is not provided by the  
381 minor from funds under such minor's control.

382 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any minor  
383 from entering onto a parking area at any building or establishment  
384 described in subsection (b) of this section for the purpose of attending  
385 an event at which gambling activities do not occur. The provisions of  
386 this subsection shall not apply to minors at a casino gaming facility.

387 Sec. 8. Section 12-577 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
388 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

389 The commissioner shall annually cause to be made by some  
390 competent person or persons in the department a thorough audit of  
391 the books and records of each association licensee and casino gaming  
392 facility licensee under this chapter and the commissioner may, from  
393 time to time, cause to be made by some competent person in the  
394 department a thorough audit of the books and records of any other  
395 person or business organization licensed under this chapter. All such  
396 audit records shall be kept on file in the commissioner's office at all  
397 times. Each licensee shall permit access to its books and records for the  
398 purpose of having such audit made, and shall produce, upon written  
399 order of the commissioner, any documents and information required  
400 for such purpose.

401 Sec. 9. Section 12-578 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
402 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

403 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with

404 the provisions of chapter 54, governing registration and the issuance  
405 and annual renewal of licenses and payment of annual nonrefundable  
406 application fees for the same in accordance with the following  
407 schedule:

408 (1) Registration: (A) Stable name, one hundred dollars; (B)  
409 partnership name, one hundred dollars; (C) colors, twenty dollars; (D)  
410 kennel name, one hundred dollars.

411 (2) Licenses: (A) Owner, one hundred dollars; (B) trainer, one  
412 hundred dollars; (C) assistant trainer, one hundred dollars; (D) jockey,  
413 forty dollars; (E) jockey agent, for each jockey, one hundred dollars; (F)  
414 stable employees, including exercise boy, groom, stable foreman, hot  
415 walker, outrider, twenty dollars; (G) veterinarian, one hundred dollars;  
416 (H) jockey apprentice, forty dollars; (I) driver, one hundred dollars; (J)  
417 valet, twenty dollars; (K) blacksmith, twenty dollars; (L) plater, twenty  
418 dollars; (M) concessionaire, for each concession, two hundred fifty  
419 dollars; (N) concessionaire affiliate, for each concession of the  
420 concessionaire, two hundred fifty dollars; (O) concession employees,  
421 twenty dollars; (P) jai alai players, one hundred dollars; (Q) officials  
422 and supervisors, one hundred dollars; (R) pari-mutuel employees,  
423 forty dollars; (S) other personnel engaged in activities regulated under  
424 this chapter, twenty dollars; (T) vendor, for each contract, two hundred  
425 fifty dollars; (U) totalizator, for each contract, two hundred fifty  
426 dollars; (V) vendor and totalizator affiliates, for each contract of the  
427 vendor or totalizator, two hundred fifty dollars; and (W) casino  
428 gaming facility employees, forty dollars. For the purposes of this  
429 subdivision, "concessionaire affiliate" means a business organization,  
430 other than a shareholder in a publicly traded corporation, that may  
431 exercise control in or over a concessionaire; and "concessionaire"  
432 means any individual or business organization granted the right to  
433 operate an activity at a dog race track, [or] off-track betting facility or  
434 casino gaming facility for the purpose of making a profit that receives  
435 or, in the exercise of reasonable business judgment, can be expected to  
436 receive more than twenty-five thousand dollars or twenty-five per cent

437 of its gross annual receipts from such activity at such track or facility.

438 (b) The commissioner shall require each applicant for a license  
 439 under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section to submit to state  
 440 and national criminal history records checks before such license is  
 441 issued. The criminal history records checks required pursuant to this  
 442 subsection shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.

443 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 53-278g of the general statutes is  
 444 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 445 *October 1, 2015*):

446 (a) Nothing in sections 53-278a to [53-278g] 53-278f, inclusive, shall  
 447 be construed to prohibit the publication of an advertisement of, or the  
 448 operation of, or participation in, a state lottery, pari-mutuel betting at  
 449 race tracks licensed by the state, off-track betting conducted by the  
 450 state or a licensee authorized to operate the off-track betting system,  
 451 authorized games at a casino gaming facility licensed by the state, a  
 452 promotional drawing for a prize or prizes, conducted for advertising  
 453 purposes by any person, firm or corporation other than a retail grocer  
 454 or retail grocery chain, wherein members of the general public may  
 455 participate without making any purchase or otherwise paying or  
 456 risking credit, money, or any other tangible thing of value or a  
 457 sweepstakes conducted pursuant to sections 42-295 to 42-301,  
 458 inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	12-557b
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	12-574
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	12-561
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	12-563a
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	12-576
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	12-577

Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	12-578
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	53-278g(a)

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*