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"AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
4 Advisory Council on Large Entertainment Venues. Any amusement,
5 entertainment or recreation facility described in subdivisions (8) to
6 (13), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 12-541 of the general statutes
7 that has a seating capacity greater than five thousand persons shall be
8 entitled to representation on the council. Except as provided in
9 subsection (b) of this section, each representative to the council shall be
10 designated not later than September 1, 2017. The council shall select
11 the chairperson of the council from among the members of the council
12 and schedule the first meeting of the council not later than October 1,
13 2017. The council shall meet at least annually to consider: (1) The
14 coordination of concerts, mixed martial arts events and other large
15 entertainment events at such facilities; and (2) other issues related to

16 the operation of such facilities as determined by the council.

17 (b) On and after the date a business entity jointly and exclusively
18 owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of
19 Indians of Connecticut is authorized to conduct any game of chance at
20 a casino gaming facility located in the state by any provision of the
21 general statutes or a public or special act, each tribe shall: (1) Designate
22 a representative to participate on the Advisory Council on Large
23 Entertainment Venues; and (2) assist such amusement, entertainment
24 and recreation facilities to schedule large entertainment events that are
25 available for additional dates in the state.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
27 Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
28 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to regulate wagering
29 on sporting events to the extent permitted by state and federal law.

30 Sec. 3. Section 12-571a of the general statutes is repealed and the
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

32 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection shall not operate or
33 authorize the operation of more than [eighteen] twenty-four off-track
34 betting branch facilities, except that the department may operate or
35 authorize the operation of any off-track betting branch facility
36 approved prior to December 31, 1986, by the legislative body of a
37 municipality in accordance with subsection (a) of section 12-572. Any
38 facility approved prior to December 31, 1986, shall be included within
39 the [eighteen] twenty-four facilities authorized by this subsection.

40 (b) The [eighteen] twenty-four off-track betting branch facilities
41 authorized by subsection (a) of this section may include facilities
42 which have screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race
43 programs or jai alai games and other amenities including, but not
44 limited to, restaurants and concessions, and, on and after October 1,
45 2012, shall be located in the town and city of New Haven, the town of
46 Windsor Locks, the town of East Haven, the town and city of Norwalk,
47 the town and city of Hartford, the town and city of New Britain, the

48 town and city of Bristol, the town and city of Torrington, the town and
 49 city of Waterbury, the town and city of Milford, the town and city of
 50 New London, the town of Manchester, the town of Windham, the
 51 town of Putnam, the town and city of Bridgeport and [three] nine
 52 additional locations. The location of each such facility and the addition
 53 of simulcasting capability to any existing off-track betting branch
 54 facility that did not previously have such capability (1) shall be
 55 approved by the commissioner, and (2) shall be subject to the prior
 56 approval of the legislative body of the town in which such facility is
 57 located or is proposed to be located. The department shall report
 58 annually to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 59 having cognizance of matters relating to legalized gambling on the
 60 status of the establishment or improvement of the off-track betting
 61 branch facility pursuant to this subsection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	12-571a