



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5307

House of Representatives, April 4, 2018

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. VERRENGIA of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SPORTS WAGERING IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-565a of the 2018 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations,
5 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to regulate wagering
6 on sporting events to the extent permitted by state law and when
7 federal law is enacted or repealed or a federal court decision is issued
8 that affirms the authority of a state to regulate such wagering.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-565a
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PS Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill requires the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations regarding wagering on sporting events when federal law is repealed or a federal court decision is issued that gives states the right to regulate sports wagering and does not result in a cost to the state. To the extent this occurs on the federal level, the department has the expertise to implement these regulations.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5307****AN ACT CONCERNING SPORTS WAGERING IN THE STATE.****SUMMARY**

Under current law, the Department of Consumer Protection commissioner must adopt regulations to regulate wagering on sporting events to the extent allowed under state and federal law. This bill instead specifies she must to do so (1) when federal law is enacted or repealed, or when a federal court decision is issued, affirming a state's authority to regulate sports wagering and (2) to the extent allowed by state law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Sports Gambling***

Sports gambling in Connecticut is currently illegal under both federal and state law.

The federal (1) Wire Act prohibits the use of wire communications to wager on any sporting event (18 U.S.C. § 1081 et seq.) and (2) Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 (PASPA) prohibits states from legalizing sports gambling (28 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq.). The U.S. Supreme Court is currently deciding the constitutionality of PASPA with a decision expected later this year (*Murphy v. NCAA, et al.* No. 16-476).

Connecticut law, among other things, prohibits risking any money, credit, or other thing of value for gain, which is contingent upon chance. It prohibits any gambling activity in Connecticut unless specifically authorized by law (CGS §§ 53-278a(2) & 53-278b).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

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