

Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-160
AN ACT CONCERNING INTEREST ON LOTTERY SALES AGENT
Title: DELINQUENCY ASSESSMENTS AND LOTTERY ADVERTISING.
Vote Date: 3/8/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/3/2022
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will change the delinquency assessment on delinquent lottery sales agents from compound interest to simple interest effective July 1, 2022. If a lottery sales agent is delinquent with his fees and is charged the compound interest up until June 30, 2022, they can apply for a hardship waiver to reduce the delinquent interest and the outstanding balance to simple interest. The waiver fees are subject to commissioner approval and satisfactory proof is given that the failure to pay was due to reasonable cause. By making this change, the state can collect the fees owed to them and the sales agents can more easily pay the fees owed to the state.

This bill is similar to HB6394 which passed out of the Public Safety Committee in 2021. (23 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent) and the House (133 Yea, 0 nay and 18 absent or not voting).

In addition, this bill states the advertising specifications for the Connecticut Lottery Corporation. Including the font stating the average chances of winning a specific lottery. Technology has changed since the last time the statute was updated in 1999.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection

The language in this bill, which was drafted in consultation with Connecticut Lottery Corp, clarifies that when calculating delinquency charges, it will not be done with compound interest, but with simple interest. It also updates the statutes for the Connecticut Lottery advertising. The Connecticut Lottery advertising regulatory framework has not been updated since 1999. DCP appreciates the Committee's consideration of proposed statutory changes.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Christopher Davis, Government Relations and Responsible Gambling Manager

This bill will help lottery sales agents pay their delinquency in full and ultimately return the delinquent revenues to the state, by changing the interest imposed to simple interest versus compound interest. The advertising statute will be updated to include modern technology.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

David Godbout

Does not support this bill. The General Assembly has tossed aside my Fourth Amendment Rights.

Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst Clerk

Date: 03/15/2022