



State of Connecticut  
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**TESTIMONY OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

IN SUPPORT OF

**H.B. No. 5390 (RAISED) AN ACT REPEALING STATUTORY PROVISIONS THAT  
IMPOSE LIABILITY ON AN INDIVIDUAL FOR REPAYMENT OF COSTS  
INCURRED WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL WAS INCARCERATED.**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

March 25, 2022

The Division of Criminal Justice respectfully supports H.B. No. 5390, An Act Repealing Statutory Provisions that Impose Liability on an Individual for Repayment of Costs Incurred when the Individual was Incarcerated, and recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT.

The Division voted in favor of this initiative in the Connecticut Sentencing Commission. The successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals into society benefits everyone, and this bill certainly aids in that endeavor. While an argument could be made for purported "windfalls" of individuals winning multi-million dollar lotteries, the reality is that these laws generally seek to recoup moneys from small inheritances or personal injury settlements that compensate proven injuries.

In conclusion, the Division of Criminal Justice respectfully supports H.B. 5390, and recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT. We thank the Committee for affording this opportunity to provide input on this matter and would be happy to provide any additional information the Committee might require or to answer any questions that you might have.