



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 160***

LCO No. 1425



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INTEREST ON LOTTERY SALES AGENT  
DELINQUENCY ASSESSMENTS AND LOTTERY ADVERTISING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-569 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) (1) If the president of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation  
4 determines that any lottery sales agent has breached such agent's  
5 fiduciary responsibility to the corporation in that the account of such  
6 lottery sales agent with respect to moneys received from the sale of  
7 lottery tickets has become delinquent in accordance with regulations  
8 adopted [as provided in] under section 12-568a, the president shall  
9 notify the commissioner of the breach of fiduciary duty and the  
10 commissioner shall impose a delinquency assessment upon such  
11 account equal to ten per cent of the amount due or ten dollars,  
12 whichever amount is greater, plus simple interest at the rate of one and  
13 one-half per cent of such amount for each month or fraction of a month  
14 from the date such amount is due to the date of payment.

15 (2) A lottery sales agent whose account was delinquent prior to July

16 1, 2022, and whose delinquency assessment was subject to  
17 compounding interest on June 30, 2022, may apply to the commissioner  
18 on or after July 1, 2022, for a hardship waiver to reduce the amount of  
19 interest delinquent, outstanding and payable to an amount based on  
20 simple interest.

21 (3) Subject to the provisions of section 12-3a, the commissioner may  
22 waive all or part of the penalties provided under this subsection when  
23 it is proven to the commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to pay such  
24 moneys to the state within the time allowed was due to reasonable cause  
25 and was not intentional or due to neglect.

26 (4) Any such delinquent lottery sales agent shall be notified of such  
27 delinquency assessment and shall be afforded an opportunity to contest  
28 the validity and amount of such assessment before the commissioner  
29 who may conduct such hearing. Upon request of the president of the  
30 Connecticut Lottery Corporation, the commissioner may prepare and  
31 sign a warrant directed to any state marshal, constable or any collection  
32 agent employed by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation for distraint  
33 upon any property of such delinquent lottery sales agent within the  
34 state, whether personal or real property. An itemized bill shall be  
35 attached to the warrant certified by the commissioner as a true  
36 statement of the amount due from such lottery sales agent. Such warrant  
37 shall have the same force and effect as an execution issued in accordance  
38 with chapter 906. Such warrant shall be levied on any real, personal,  
39 tangible or intangible property of such agent and sale made pursuant to  
40 such warrant in the same manner and with the same force and effect as  
41 a levy and sale pursuant to an execution.

42 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
43 chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.

44 Sec. 2. Section 12-814 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes  
45 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
46 *1, 2022*):

47 (a) In each advertisement intended to promote the purchase of lottery

48 tickets issued for games authorized under sections 12-563a, [and] 12-800  
49 to 12-818, inclusive, and 12-850 to 12-872, inclusive, the corporation shall  
50 include a prominent and clear statement of the average chances of  
51 winning per specific lottery ticket. A prominent and clear statement in  
52 any written digital or print advertising shall mean a type font no smaller  
53 than ten per cent of the largest font included in such advertisement,  
54 provided, for digital advertising posted in a physical retail location, the  
55 type font shall be no smaller than ten per cent of the largest font  
56 displayed that is applicable to the specific game to which the odds  
57 apply.

58 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall apply [only]  
59 to (1) digital or print advertisements [in] including, but not limited to,  
60 social media, electronic mail communications, newspapers, magazines  
61 and brochures and on posters, [and] (2) [television and radio  
62 advertisements thirty seconds or longer for one game] video  
63 advertisements, and (3) audio-only advertisements, except those that  
64 are less than thirty seconds for (A) the sale of tickets for lottery draw  
65 games through the Internet, an online service or a mobile application, or  
66 (B) keno through the Internet, an online service or a mobile application.

67 (c) On or before October 1, 1999, the corporation shall implement a  
68 code of standards for all advertisements and other activities intended to  
69 promote the purchase of lottery tickets for games authorized pursuant  
70 to this chapter. The code of standards shall include the requirement that  
71 no advertisement or promotion shall denigrate the character or conduct  
72 of nonlottery players or praise the character or conduct of lottery  
73 players.

74 (d) The corporation shall not publish the photograph of any person  
75 who redeems a winning lottery ticket on the corporation's Internet web  
76 site without the prior written consent of such person.

77 (e) If a person who redeems a winning lottery ticket requests to be  
78 excluded from the list of winners published on the corporation's  
79 Internet web site, the corporation shall remove such person's name from

80 such list not later than five days after receiving such request.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	12-569
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	12-814

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) specify that simple interest is charged on delinquency assessments of lottery sales agents, (2) allow an agent whose delinquency assessment remains due and was subject to compounding interest to request a hardship waiver from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to recalculate the interest owed, (3) specify the font size required in lottery advertising statements of the average chances of winning per specific lottery ticket, and (4) expand the types of lottery advertisements that are subject to advertising requirements.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*