

Department of Consumer Protection Gaming Duties and Authority

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Issue

Identify the state's gaming statutes that impose duties on or provide regulatory authority to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP).

Summary

State law generally permits a state lottery; off-track betting (OTB) and parimutuel gaming (i.e., horse and greyhound racing and jai alai); sports wagering and fantasy contests; charitable gaming (bingo, sealed tickets, and bazaars and raffles); and sweepstakes. In addition, the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes operate the Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos, respectively, on their reservations through a confluence of federal, state, and contract law.

DCP is responsible for implementing or administering most of the laws concerning these permitted forms of gaming, except the state lottery is operated by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) and charitable gaming is generally overseen by the municipality where the games are conducted. The department's duties generally include issuing licenses and permits to individuals and entities involved in legalized gaming and monitoring and ensuring compliance with the laws and tribal-state agreements. DCP is the successor agency to the Division of Special Revenue and Gaming Policy Board and has a dedicated [Gaming Division](#).

Table 1 numerically lists the relevant gaming statutes and briefly identifies the main subjects under each of them.

Table 1: State Statutes With a DCP Gaming Duty or Authority

Statute	Subject
7-169d	Bingo product manufacturer and equipment dealer registration
7-169h	Sealed ticket permitting and sales
7-169j	Sealed ticket manufacturer and dealer registration
7-178	Bazaar and raffle equipment registration
12-559	Racing and jai alai related employees
12-560	Bonding of DCP employees
12-561	DCP conflicts of interest
12-562	Assorted enforcement powers and regulatory authority
12-563	Regulation adoption and distribution process
12-563a	Informational materials on problem gambling programs
12-564	Annual reporting on department activities
12-564a	Monthly reporting on investigations and arrests
12-565	Commissioner's investigatory powers
12-566	Availability of department's records of proceedings
12-568a	Lottery regulations
12-569	Lottery sales agent regulations and delinquency assessments
12-571	OTB system sale and regulations
12-571a	OTB branch facility authorization
12-572	OTB facility authorization and operation
12-573	OTB betting fund balance certification and transfer
12-573a	Jai alai fronton authorization
12-574	OTB, jai alai, and racing related licensing
12-574a	Notice to towns regarding proposed OTB, jai alai, and racing activities
12-574c	Jai alai and horse and dog racing licensing moratorium
12-574d	Race dog testing and regulations
12-575	Parimutuel operation and OTB, jai alai, and racing taxes
12-575c	Pooling of parimutuel bets
12-576	Parimutuel licensing of minors and prohibition on paying winnings to them
12-577	Auditing licensees
12-578	Parimutuel license regulations and fees and applicant background checks
12-578a	Casino regulations
12-578b	Casino operation and management standards and compliance review
12-578c	Casino gaming employee and vendor licenses
12-578d	Casino gaming licensing of minors
12-578e	Assessment and payment of costs for regulating casino gaming

Table 1 (continued)

Statute	Subject
12-584	Parimutuel financial information disclosures, filing requirements, and penalties
12-585	Billing for department's parimutuel expenses and associated penalties
12-586f	Mashantucket Pequot tribal-state compact assessment appeals and casino gaming licensee background checks
12-586g	Mohegan tribal-state compact assessment appeals and casino gaming licensee background checks
12-802	Prohibition on DCP commissioner serving as a CLC director
12-802a	CLC employee licensing
12-806	Delegation to and oversight of CLC
12-806a	Regulation of CLC
12-806b	Assessment of CLC for DCP's regulatory costs
12-808	Transfers and assignments to CLC
12-813	Lottery sales agent licensing and hearings
12-815	Regulations on CLC purchases and contracts
12-815a	Lottery vendor, affiliate, and occupational licensing and regulations
12-852 , as amended by PA 23-54	Master wagering licenses for tribes
12-853	Master wagering license for CLC
12-855	Online gaming service provider licensing
12-856	Sports wagering retailer licensing
12-857	Online gaming operator licensing
12-858	Online gaming and sports wagering occupational employee licensing
12-859 , as amended by PA 23-54	Key employee licensing
PA 23-54 , § 2 (to be codified)	Live game employee licensing
12-861	Investigatory and enforcement powers over online gaming and sports wagering
12-862 , as amended by PA 23-54	Enforcement actions against online gaming and sports wagering licensees
12-863	Independent review of master wagering licensees and voluntary self-exclusion process
12-864	Actions to ensure sports wagering integrity
12-865	Online gaming and sports wagering regulations

Table 1 (continued)

Statute	Subject
12-869 , as amended by PA 23-54	Assessment of tribal master wagering licensees for department regulatory costs
12-871	Tribal master wagering licensees' contributions to support problem gambling programs
17a-713	Collection of chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation program fees
21a-1	Designation as successor agency to the Division of Special Revenue and the Gaming Policy Board
21a-10	Authority to establish divisions and set license renewal schedules and continuing education requirements
21a-11	DCP commissioner's general powers and duties
22-410	Awards to breeders of winning racehorses
22-412	Equine industry promotion and regulations
29-18c , as amended by PA 23-54	Appointment of DCP special police officers
31-51y	Parimutuel-related drug testing
42-300	Designation of violations of the sweepstakes laws as <i>per se</i> Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA) violations (DCP has assorted investigatory and enforcement authority under CUTPA (see CGS Ch. 735a))
53-278g	Notice of gambling device testing

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