General Law Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-229 / Bill Status / Public Hearing Testimony
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION.
Vote Date: 3/16/2026
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
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SPONSORS OF BILL

General Law Committee on behalf of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation

REASONS FOR BILL

The Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) presented these proposals to the General Law Committee with the goal of streamlining lottery operations and increase revenue returned to the State of Connecticut. CLC's written testimony outlines the proposals regarding geolocation, testing requirements, and interactive lottery games, and the document includes the accompanying rationale.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE

It was determined that the proposal modifying geolocation requirements had the most broad-based support, so the substitute language (LCO 2932) removes the provisions regarding interactive lottery games and testing requirements.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY

Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC)—Frank Suarez, President and CEO—CLC presented written and spoken testimony in support of the bill. The written testimony explains each section of the raised bill:

- **Section 1** intends to modernize geolocation requirements for iLottery games. Currently, iLottery users' geolocation must be checked at multiple points, but modern mobile web browsers do not support these extensive geolocation checks. CLC's proposal intends to reduce friction points for consumers by requiring geolocation checks only at the point of purchase. They testify that this change would align with federal requirements.

- **Section 2** intends to clarify testing requirements and place limits on testing-related expenditures. CLC argues that DCP's requirements are inefficient and unpredictable, so changes would help streamline operations.
- **Section 3** would allow CLC to conduct raffle-style games and interactive lottery games. The intent is to increase revenue returned to the General Fund.

Department of Consumer Protection—Bryan Cafferelli, Commissioner—DCP provided general comments on the bill. They focused on requesting clarification and raising concerns:

- DCP requests that lab testing reports be made immediately available to the Department in the gaming laboratory's web portal.
- They raise concerns about the notice period that would be required for testing, an enhanced standard for enforcement actions, and the cap the legislation would place on annual testing expenses.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT

None recorded.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation (MPTN), Jody Cummings, General Counsel--MPTN submitted written commentary on the bill. They express concern about the proposed changes regarding "raffle-style lottery games" and "interactive lottery games" and their impact on agreements between Connecticut's Tribal Nations and the State.

Changes requested:

- Narrow the definition of "raffle-style lottery games." (Language provided in written testimony.)
- Do not remove the prohibition on "interactive lottery games."

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION

None recorded.

Reported by: Betsy Francolino **Date: March 18, 2026**