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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS GAMING STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-801 of the 2024 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 As used in section 12-563a and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive,
5 the following terms have the following meanings unless the context
6 clearly indicates another meaning:

7 (1) "Board" or "board of directors" means the board of directors of the
8 corporation;

9 (2) "Corporation" means the Connecticut Lottery Corporation as
10 created under section 12-802;

11 (3) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

12 (4) "Division" means the former Division of Special Revenue in the
13 Department of Revenue Services;

14 (5) "Fantasy contest" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-
15 850, as amended by this act;

16 (6) "Gaming laboratory" means a business entity that (A) specializes
17 in the testing of technology systems for gaming operators licensed in the
18 United States, (B) is licensed by the department as an affiliate pursuant
19 to section 12-815a, as amended by this act, and (C) is not owned or
20 controlled by the corporation;

21 (7) "Keno" means a lottery game in which a subset of numbers are
22 drawn from a larger field of numbers by a central computer system
23 using an approved random number generator, wheel system device or
24 other drawing device;

25 [(6)] (8) "Lottery" means (A) the Connecticut state lottery conducted
26 prior to the transfer authorized under section 12-808 by the Division of
27 Special Revenue, (B) after such transfer, the Connecticut state lottery
28 conducted by the corporation pursuant to sections 12-563a and 12-800
29 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12-853, (C) the state lottery referred to
30 in subsection (a) of section 53-278g, and (D) keno conducted by the
31 corporation pursuant to section 12-806c, or sections 12-851 and 12-853;

32 [(7) "Keno" means a lottery game in which a subset of numbers are
33 drawn from a larger field of numbers by a central computer system
34 using an approved random number generator, wheel system device or
35 other drawing device;]

36 [(8)] (9) "Lottery and gaming fund" means a fund or funds established
37 by, and under the management and control of, the corporation, into
38 which all lottery, sports wagering and fantasy contest revenues of the
39 corporation are deposited from which all payments and expenses of the
40 corporation are paid and from which transfers to the General Fund or
41 the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital
42 Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, are made pursuant to
43 section 12-812;

44 (10) "Lottery draw game" has the same meaning as provided in

45 section 12-850, as amended by this act;

46 (11) "Lottery gaming system" means the complete integrated set of
47 hardware and software elements that communicates, records, reports,
48 captures and accounts for gaming data, including, but not limited to,
49 issuing, canceling and validating wagers, determining winners and
50 other functions necessary for the technological operation of the lottery;

51 ~~[(9)]~~ (12) "Online lottery ticket sales" means the sale of lottery tickets
52 for lottery draw games through the corporation's Internet web site, an
53 online service or a mobile application, pursuant to a license issued to the
54 corporation under section 12-853;

55 ~~[(10)]~~ (13) "Online sports wagering" has the same meaning as
56 provided in section 12-850, as amended by this act;

57 ~~[(11)]~~ (14) "Operating revenue" means total revenue received from
58 lottery sales and sports wagering less all cancelled sales and amounts
59 paid as prizes but before payment or provision for payment of any other
60 expenses;

61 ~~[(12)]~~ (15) "Retail sports wagering" has the same meaning as provided
62 in section 12-850, as amended by this act; and

63 ~~[(13)]~~ (16) "Skin" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-850,
64 as amended by this act.

65 Sec. 2. Section 12-806a of the general statutes is repealed and the
66 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

67 (a) As used in this section, "procedure" has the same meaning as
68 ["procedure", as defined in subdivision (2) of] provided in section 1-120.

69 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall, for the purposes
70 of section 12-568a, subsection (c) of section 12-574, sections 12-802a, 12-
71 815a, as amended by this act, 12-853, 12-854, 12-863 to 12-865, inclusive,
72 as amended by this act, 12-867 and 12-868 and this section, regulate the
73 activities of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to assure the integrity

74 of the state lottery, retail sports wagering, online sports wagering and
75 fantasy contests. In addition to the requirements of the provisions of
76 chapter 12 and notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-806, the
77 Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall, prior to implementing any
78 procedure designed to assure the integrity of the state lottery, retail
79 sports wagering, online sports wagering and fantasy contests, obtain the
80 written approval of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection in
81 accordance with regulations adopted under section 12-568a.

82 (c) (1) Each lottery gaming system shall be tested and certified, in a
83 manner and with a frequency deemed necessary by the department to
84 preserve gaming integrity, by a gaming laboratory. If the department
85 suspects that the integrity of the lottery gaming system may be
86 vulnerable or compromised, the department may require that the lottery
87 gaming system be recertified by a gaming laboratory and the new
88 certification submitted to the department.

89 (2) Each lottery draw game or keno shall be tested and certified, in a
90 manner and with a frequency deemed necessary by the department to
91 preserve gaming integrity, by a gaming laboratory prior to the
92 corporation offering such lottery draw game or keno, provided a lottery
93 draw game shall not require such testing and certification if such game
94 (A) is sold in at least twenty states within the United States, and (B) has
95 been tested by a nationally recognized gaming testing laboratory that is
96 licensed in at least twenty states to perform system and game analysis.

97 (3) The department may develop technical standards against which
98 gaming laboratories shall test lottery draw games and keno for
99 compliance. If the department develops such standards, the
100 department:

101 (A) Shall post such standards on the department's Internet web site;

102 (B) Shall review such standards not less than annually to ensure such
103 standards preserve the integrity of gaming;

104 (C) May modify or update such standards in response to a legal

105 interpretation, to include additional standards or amend existing
106 standards as the commissioner deems necessary in order to preserve the
107 integrity of gaming or protect consumers from financial harm, to adjust
108 to changes in technology, relevant standards or platform design, or for
109 any other reason in order to preserve the integrity of gaming;

110 (D) Shall post any updates to such standards on the department's
111 Internet web site, and such updates shall be effective thirty days after
112 such posting unless the commissioner establishes a later effective date;
113 and

114 (E) Shall notify the corporation in writing of any update to such
115 standards prior to implementation of such update.

116 (4) A gaming laboratory engaged in testing and certifying a lottery
117 draw game shall file a report with the department, which shall include
118 (A) the extent to which the lottery draw game or keno meets any
119 technical standards adopted by the commissioner, (B) whether the
120 lottery draw game or keno complies with the requirements of this
121 chapter and any regulations adopted pursuant to the provisions of this
122 chapter, and (C) any additional information needed by the department
123 to certify the lottery game or keno.

124 (5) The department shall review the lottery draw game or keno that
125 is being tested for proper functioning, and consider the test results and
126 certification submitted by the gaming laboratory. After completing the
127 evaluation of a lottery draw game or keno, the department may approve
128 the lottery draw game or keno for use in the state. The department may
129 suspend or revoke approval of a lottery draw game or keno without
130 notice if the department has good cause to believe that the continued
131 operation of such game or keno poses a threat to the security and
132 integrity of gaming in the state.

133 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 12-810 of the general statutes is
134 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
135 *passage*):

136 (a) The Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, shall
137 apply to all actions, meetings and records of the corporation, except (1)
138 where otherwise limited by subsection (c) of this section as to new
139 lottery games and serial numbers of unclaimed lottery tickets, (2) with
140 respect to financial, credit and proprietary information submitted by
141 any person to the corporation in connection with any proposal to
142 provide goods, services or professional advice to the corporation as
143 provided in section 12-815, (3) with respect to any personally
144 identifying, financial, credit or wagering information associated with
145 any person's account for Internet games, as defined in section 12-850, as
146 amended by this act, and (4) where otherwise limited by subsection [(f)]
147 (g) of section 12-863, as amended by this act.

148 Sec. 4. Section 12-815a of the general statutes is repealed and the
149 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

150 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue vendor,
151 affiliate and occupational licenses in accordance with the provisions of
152 this section.

153 (b) No person or business organization awarded a primary contract
154 by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to provide facilities,
155 components, goods or services that are necessary for and directly related
156 to the secure operation of the activities of said corporation shall do so
157 unless such person or business organization is issued a vendor license
158 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. For the purposes of this
159 subsection, "primary contract" means a contract to provide facilities,
160 components, goods or services to said corporation by a person or
161 business organization (1) that provides any lottery game or any online
162 wagering system related facilities, components, goods or services and
163 that receives or, in the exercise of reasonable business judgment, can be
164 expected to receive more than seventy-five thousand dollars or twenty-
165 five per cent of its gross annual sales from said corporation, or (2) that
166 has access to the facilities of said corporation and provides services in
167 such facilities without supervision by said corporation. Each applicant
168 for a vendor license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of two

169 hundred fifty dollars.

170 (c) No person or business organization, other than a shareholder in a
171 publicly traded corporation, may be a contractor or a subcontractor for
172 the provision of facilities, components, goods or services that are
173 necessary for and directly related to the secure operation of the activities
174 of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, or may exercise control in or
175 over a vendor licensee unless such person or business organization is
176 licensed as an affiliate licensee by the commissioner. Each applicant for
177 an affiliate license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of two
178 hundred fifty dollars.

179 (d) (1) Each employee of a vendor or affiliate licensee who has access
180 to the facilities of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation and provides
181 services in such facilities without supervision by said corporation or
182 performs duties directly related to the activities of said corporation shall
183 obtain an occupational license.

184 (2) Each officer, director, partner, trustee or owner of a business
185 organization licensed as a vendor or affiliate licensee and any
186 shareholder, executive, agent or other person connected with any
187 vendor or affiliate licensee who, in the judgment of the commissioner,
188 will exercise control in or over any such licensee shall obtain an
189 occupational license.

190 (3) Each employee of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall
191 obtain an occupational license.

192 (e) The commissioner shall issue occupational licenses in the
193 following classes: (1) Class I for persons specified in subdivision (1) of
194 subsection (d) of this section; (2) Class II for persons specified in
195 subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section; (3) Class III for persons
196 specified in subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of this section who, in the
197 judgment of the commissioner, will not exercise authority over or direct
198 the management and policies of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation;
199 and (4) Class IV for persons specified in subdivision (3) of subsection (d)
200 of this section who, in the judgment of the commissioner, will exercise

201 authority over or direct the management and policies of the Connecticut
202 Lottery Corporation. Each applicant for a Class I or III occupational
203 license shall pay a nonrefundable application fee of twenty dollars. Each
204 applicant for a Class II or IV occupational license shall pay a
205 nonrefundable application fee of one hundred dollars. The
206 nonrefundable application fee shall accompany the application for each
207 such occupational license.

208 (f) In determining whether to grant a vendor, affiliate or occupational
209 license to any such person or business organization, the commissioner
210 may require an applicant to provide information as to such applicant's:
211 (1) Financial standing and credit; (2) moral character; (3) criminal record,
212 if any; (4) previous employment; (5) corporate, partnership or
213 association affiliations; (6) ownership of personal assets; and (7) such
214 other information as the commissioner deems pertinent to the issuance
215 of such license, provided the submission of such other information will
216 assure the integrity of the state lottery. The commissioner shall require
217 each applicant for a vendor, affiliate or occupational license to submit to
218 state and national criminal history records checks and may require each
219 such applicant to submit to an international criminal history records
220 check before such license is issued. The state and national criminal
221 history records checks required pursuant to this subsection shall be
222 conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. The commissioner shall
223 issue a vendor, affiliate or occupational license, as the case may be, to
224 each applicant who satisfies the requirements of this subsection and
225 who is deemed qualified by the commissioner. The commissioner may
226 reject for good cause an application for a vendor, affiliate or
227 occupational license.

228 (g) Each vendor, affiliate or Class I or II occupational license shall be
229 effective for not more than one year from the date of issuance. Each
230 Class III or IV occupational license shall remain in effect throughout the
231 term of employment of any such employee holding such a license. The
232 commissioner may require each employee issued a Class IV
233 occupational license to submit information as to such employee's
234 financial standing and credit annually. Initial application for and

235 renewal of any such license shall be in such form and manner as the
236 commissioner shall prescribe.

237 (h) (1) Upon petition of the corporation, a vendor licensee or an
238 affiliate licensee, the commissioner may authorize an applicant for an
239 occupational license to provisionally perform the work permitted under
240 the license applied for, if:

241 (A) The applicant has filed a completed occupational license
242 application in the form and manner required by the commissioner, and

243 (B) The corporation, vendor licensee or affiliate licensee attests that
244 the provisional authorization is necessary to continue the efficient
245 operation of the lottery, and is based on circumstances that are
246 extraordinary and not designed to circumvent the otherwise applicable
247 licensing procedures.

248 (2) The commissioner may issue a provisional authorization to an
249 applicant for an occupational license in advance of issuance or denial of
250 such license for a period not to exceed six months. Provisional
251 authorization shall permit such applicant to perform the functions and
252 require the applicant to comply with the requirements of the
253 occupational license applied for as set forth in the provisions of this
254 chapter and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter. Provisional
255 authorization shall not constitute approval for an occupational license.
256 During the period of time that any provisional authorization is in effect,
257 the applicant granted such authorization shall be subject to and comply
258 with all applicable statutes and regulations. Any provisional
259 authorization issued by the commissioner shall expire immediately
260 upon the earlier of:

261 (A) The date of issuance of written notice from the commissioner that
262 the occupational license has been approved or denied, or

263 (B) Six months after issuance of the provisional authorization.

264 (3) An individual whose occupational license application is denied

265 after a period of provisional authorization shall not reapply for an
266 occupational license for a period of one year from the date of the denial.

267 (4) An individual whose provisional authorization expires pursuant
268 to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, may apply for
269 an additional provisional authorization. The commissioner may issue
270 such additional provisional authorization upon a determination that the
271 conditions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection
272 exist.

273 (i) When an incident occurs, or is reasonably expected to have
274 occurred, that causes a disruption in the operation, security, accuracy,
275 integrity or availability of the lottery gaming system, the vendor
276 licensed to provide such lottery gaming system shall, immediately upon
277 discovery of such incident, but not later than twenty-four hours after
278 discovery of such incident, provide the commissioner with a written
279 incident report including the details of the incident and the vendor's
280 proposed corrections. Not later than five business days after notifying
281 the commissioner of an incident, the vendor licensee shall provide the
282 commissioner with a written incident report that (1) details the incident,
283 including the root cause of the incident, and (2) outlines the vendor's
284 plan to make corrections, mitigate the effects of the incident and prevent
285 incidents of a similar nature from occurring in the future. If the vendor
286 licensee is unable to determine the root cause and correct the incident
287 within the initial five business days, the licensee shall continue to
288 update the commissioner every five business days with written incident
289 reports until the root cause is determined and the incident is corrected.
290 The commissioner may require the vendor licensee to submit the lottery
291 gaming system to a gaming laboratory for recertification.

292 [(h)] (j) (1) The commissioner may suspend or revoke for good cause
293 a vendor, affiliate or occupational license after a hearing held before the
294 commissioner in accordance with chapter 54. The commissioner may
295 order summary suspension of any such license in accordance with
296 subsection (c) of section 4-182.

297 (2) Any such applicant aggrieved by the action of the commissioner
298 concerning an application for a license, or any person or business
299 organization whose license is suspended or revoked, may appeal
300 pursuant to section 4-183.

301 (3) The commissioner may impose a civil penalty on any licensee for
302 a violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted
303 under section 12-568a in an amount not to exceed two thousand five
304 hundred dollars after a hearing held in accordance with chapter 54.

305 [(i)] (k) The commissioner may require that the books and records of
306 any vendor or affiliate licensee be maintained in any manner which the
307 commissioner may deem best, and that any financial or other statements
308 based on such books and records be prepared in accordance with
309 generally accepted accounting principles in such form as the
310 commissioner shall prescribe. The commissioner or a designee may
311 visit, investigate and place expert accountants and such other persons
312 as deemed necessary in the offices or places of business of any such
313 licensee for the purpose of satisfying himself or herself that such licensee
314 is in compliance with the regulations of the department.

315 [(j)] (l) For the purposes of this section, (1) "business organization"
316 means a partnership, incorporated or unincorporated association, firm,
317 corporation, trust or other form of business or legal entity; (2) "control"
318 means the power to exercise authority over or direct the management
319 and policies of a licensee; and (3) "person" means any individual.

320 [(k)] (m) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt such
321 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, as are necessary to
322 implement the provisions of this section.

323 Sec. 5. Section 12-850 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
324 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
325 *passage*):

326 For the purposes of this section and sections 12-851 to 12-871,
327 inclusive, and sections 8, 9 and 12 of this act:

328 (1) "Business entity" means any partnership, limited liability
329 company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate,
330 receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other
331 person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether
332 appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof;

333 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
334 Protection or the commissioner's designee;

335 (3) "Connecticut intercollegiate team" means any team associated
336 with an intercollegiate program of a university or college of the state
337 system of public higher education, as described in section 10a-1, an
338 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-
339 173, or a for-profit college or university physically located in the state
340 that offers in-person classes within the state;

341 (4) "Consumables" means nondurable items, including, but not
342 limited to, dice, playing cards and roulette balls used in live online
343 casino gaming;

344 (5) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

345 (6) "Electronic wagering platform" means the combination of
346 hardware, software and data networks used to manage, administer,
347 offer or control Internet games or retail sports wagering at a facility in
348 this state;

349 (7) "E-bingo machine" means an electronic device categorized as a
350 class II machine under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L.
351 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq. used to play bingo that is confined to a
352 game cabinet and is substantially similar in appearance and play to a
353 class III slot machine. "E-bingo machine" does not include any other
354 electronic device, aid, instrument, tool or other technological aid used
355 in the play of any in-person class II bingo game;

356 (8) "Entry fee" means the amount of cash or cash equivalent that is
357 required to be paid by an individual to a master wagering licensee in

358 order for such individual to participate in a fantasy contest;

359 (9) "E-sports" means electronic sports and competitive video games
360 played as a game of skill;

361 (10) "Fantasy contest" means any fantasy or simulated game or
362 contest with an entry fee, conducted over the Internet, including
363 through an Internet web site or a mobile device, in which: (A) The value
364 of all prizes and awards offered to a winning fantasy contest player is
365 established and made known to the players in advance of the game or
366 contest; (B) all winning outcomes reflect the knowledge and skill of the
367 players and are determined predominantly by accumulated statistical
368 results of the performance of participants in events; and (C) no winning
369 outcome is based on the score, point spread or any performance of any
370 single team or combination of teams or solely on any single performance
371 of a contestant or player in any single event. "Fantasy contest" does not
372 include lottery games;

373 (11) "Gaming entity licensee" means a master wagering licensee, a
374 licensed online gaming operator, a licensed online gaming service
375 provider or a licensed sports wagering retailer;

376 [(11)] (12) "Handling consumables" means physical contact with, or
377 supervisory oversight over the acceptance, inventory, storage or
378 destruction of, consumables, as well as being responsible for card
379 inspection, counting and shuffling;

380 [(12)] (13) "Internet games" means (A) online casino gaming; (B)
381 online sports wagering; (C) fantasy contests; (D) keno through the
382 Internet, an online service or a mobile application; and (E) the sale of
383 tickets for lottery draw games through the Internet, an online service or
384 a mobile application;

385 [(13)] (14) "Keno" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-
386 801, as amended by this act;

387 [(14)] (15) "Key employee" means an individual with the following

388 position or an equivalent title associated with a master wagering
389 licensee or a licensed online gaming service provider, online gaming
390 operator or sports wagering retailer: (A) President or chief officer, who
391 is the top ranking individual of the licensee and is responsible for all
392 staff and the overall direction of business operations; (B) financial
393 manager, who is the individual who reports to the president or chief
394 officer who is generally responsible for oversight of the financial
395 operations of the licensee, including, but not limited to, revenue
396 generation, distributions, tax compliance and budget implementation;
397 (C) compliance manager, who is the individual that reports to the
398 president or chief officer and who is generally responsible for ensuring
399 the licensee complies with all laws, regulations and requirements
400 related to the operation of the licensee; (D) chief information officer,
401 who is the individual generally responsible for establishing policies or
402 procedures on, or making management decisions related to,
403 information systems; or (E) chief data security officer, who is the
404 individual generally responsible for establishing policies or procedures
405 on, or making management decisions related to, technical systems. "Key
406 employee" includes an individual (i) who is responsible for establishing
407 the policies or procedures on, or making management decisions related
408 to, wagering structures or outcomes for a licensee; or (ii) who has an
409 ownership interest [provided the interest held by such individual and
410 such individual's spouse, parent and child, in the aggregate,] that is five
411 per cent or more of the total ownership or interest rights in the licensee.
412 Tribal membership in and of itself shall not constitute ownership for
413 purposes of this subdivision;

414 [(15)] (16) "Live game employee" means an employee of a master
415 wagering licensee or a licensed online gaming operator or online
416 gaming service provider that is operating live online casino gaming who
417 is (A) responsible for handling consumables in a live online casino
418 authorized under this chapter, (B) responsible for presenting live online
419 casino gaming in a live online casino authorized under this chapter, or
420 (C) a direct manager of an individual who is a live game employee
421 under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision;

422 [(16)] (17) "Lottery draw game" means any game in which one or
423 more numbers, letters or symbols are randomly drawn at
424 predetermined times, but not more frequently than once every four
425 minutes, from a range of numbers, letters or symbols, and prizes are
426 paid to players possessing winning plays, as set forth in each game's
427 official game rules. "Lottery draw game" does not include keno, any
428 game for which lottery draw tickets are not available through a lottery
429 sales agent or any game that simulates online casino gaming;

430 (18) "Lottery sales agent" means a person that contracts with the
431 Connecticut Lottery Corporation to sell lottery tickets or offer keno at a
432 retail facility in the state and not over the Internet, and is licensed in
433 accordance with chapters 226 and 229a;

434 [(17)] (19) "Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding"
435 means the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between
436 the state and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe on January 13, 1993, as
437 amended from time to time;

438 [(18)] (20) "Mashantucket Pequot procedures" means the Final
439 Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary
440 of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to 25 USC
441 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) and published in 56 Federal Register 24996 (May 31,
442 1991), as amended from time to time;

443 [(19)] (21) "Master wagering licensee" means (A) the Mashantucket
444 Pequot Tribe, or an instrumentality of or an affiliate wholly-owned by
445 said tribe, if licensed to operate online sports wagering, online casino
446 gaming and fantasy contests pursuant to section 12-852; (B) the
447 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or an instrumentality of or an
448 affiliate wholly-owned by said tribe, if licensed to operate online sports
449 wagering, online casino gaming and fantasy contests pursuant to
450 section 12-852; or (C) the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, if licensed
451 pursuant to section 12-853 to operate retail sports wagering, online
452 sports wagering, fantasy contests and keno and to sell tickets for lottery
453 draw games through the Internet, an online service or a mobile

454 application;

455 [(20)] (22) "Mohegan compact" means the Tribal-State Compact
456 entered into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians
457 of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time;

458 [(21)] (23) "Mohegan memorandum of understanding" means the
459 memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state
460 and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as
461 amended from time to time;

462 [(22)] (24) "Occupational employee" means an employee of a master
463 wagering licensee or a licensed online gaming operator, online gaming
464 service provider or sports wagering retailer;

465 [(23)] (25) "Off-track betting system licensee" means the person or
466 business organization licensed to operate the off-track betting system
467 pursuant to chapter 226;

468 [(24)] (26) "Online casino gaming" means (A) slots, blackjack, craps,
469 roulette, baccarat, poker and video poker, bingo, live dealer and other
470 peer-to-peer games and any variations of such games, and (B) any
471 games authorized by the department, conducted over the Internet,
472 including through an Internet web site or a mobile device, through an
473 electronic wagering platform that does not require a bettor to be
474 physically present at a facility;

475 [(25)] (27) "Online gaming operator" means a person or business
476 entity that operates an electronic wagering platform and contracts
477 directly with a master wagering licensee to offer (A) one or more
478 Internet games on behalf of such licensee, or (B) retail sports wagering
479 on behalf of such licensee at a facility in this state;

480 [(26)] (28) "Online gaming service provider" means a person or
481 business entity, other than an online gaming operator, that provides
482 goods or services to, or otherwise transacts business related to Internet
483 games or retail sports wagering with, a master wagering licensee or a

484 licensed online gaming operator, online gaming service provider or
485 sports wagering retailer;

486 [(27)] (29) "Online sports wagering" means sports wagering
487 conducted over the Internet, including through an Internet web site or
488 a mobile device, through an electronic wagering platform that does not
489 require a sports bettor to be physically present at a facility that conducts
490 retail sports wagering;

491 [(28)] (30) "Retail sports wagering" means in-person sports wagering
492 requiring a sports bettor to be physically present at one of the up to
493 fifteen facility locations of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation or a
494 licensed sports wagering retailer in this state;

495 [(29)] (31) "Skin" means the branded or cobranded name and logo on
496 the interface of an Internet web site or a mobile application that bettors
497 use to access an electronic wagering platform for Internet games;

498 [(30)] (32) "Sporting event" means any (A) sporting or athletic event
499 at which two or more persons participate, individually or on a team, and
500 may be eligible to receive compensation in excess of actual expenses for
501 such participation in such sporting or athletic event; (B) sporting or
502 athletic event sponsored by an intercollegiate athletic program of an
503 institution of higher education or an association of such programs; [,
504 except for those in which one of the participants is a Connecticut
505 intercollegiate team and the event is not in connection with a permitted
506 intercollegiate tournament;] (C) Olympic or international sports
507 competition event; or (D) e-sports event. [, except for those in which one
508 of the participants is a Connecticut intercollegiate team and the event is
509 not in connection with a permitted intercollegiate tournament. As used
510 in this subdivision, "permitted intercollegiate tournament" means an
511 intercollegiate e-sports, sporting or athletic event involving four or more
512 intercollegiate teams that involves one or more Connecticut
513 intercollegiate teams and the wager on the tournament is based on the
514 outcome of all games within the tournament.] "Sporting event" does not
515 include horse racing, jai alai or greyhound racing;

516 [(31)] (33) "Sports governing body" means the organization that
517 prescribes final rules and enforces codes of conduct with respect to a
518 sporting event and participants in the sporting event;

519 [(32)] (34) "Sports wagering" means risking or accepting any money,
520 credit, deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in
521 part, (A) by any system or method of wagering, including, but not
522 limited to, in person or through an electronic wagering platform, and
523 (B) based on (i) a live sporting event or a portion or portions of a live
524 sporting event, including future or propositional events during such an
525 event, or (ii) the individual performance statistics of an athlete or
526 athletes in a sporting event or a combination of sporting events. "Sports
527 wagering" does not include the payment of an entry fee to play a fantasy
528 contest or a fee to participate in e-sports; and

529 [(33)] (35) "Sports wagering retailer" means a person or business
530 entity that contracts with the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to
531 facilitate retail sports wagering operated by said corporation through an
532 electronic wagering platform at up to fifteen facilities in this state.

533 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 12-859 of the 2024 supplement to the
534 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
535 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

536 (c) [(1)] A key employee shall apply for a license on a form and in a
537 manner prescribed by the commissioner. Such form shall require the
538 applicant to: [(A)] (1) Submit to a fingerprint-based state and national
539 criminal history records check conducted in accordance with section 29-
540 17a, which may include a financial history check if requested by the
541 commissioner, to determine the character and fitness of the applicant for
542 the license, [(B)] (2) provide information related to other business
543 affiliations, and [(C)] (3) provide or allow the department to obtain such
544 other information as the department determines is consistent with the
545 requirements of this section in order to determine the fitness of the
546 applicant to hold a license.

547 [(2)] In place of the criminal history records check described in

548 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
549 commissioner may accept from an applicant for an initial key employee
550 license the submission of a third-party local and national criminal
551 background check that includes a multistate and multijurisdictional
552 criminal record locator or other similar commercial nation-wide
553 database with validation, and other such background screening as the
554 commissioner may require. Any such third-party criminal background
555 check shall be conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or
556 background screening company that is in compliance with the federal
557 Fair Credit Reporting Act and accredited by the Professional
558 Background Screening Association.]

559 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 12-859a of the 2024 supplement to the
560 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
561 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

562 (b) [(1)] A live game employee shall apply for a live game employee
563 license on a form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Such
564 form shall require the applicant to: [(A)] (1) Submit to a fingerprint-
565 based state and national criminal history records check conducted in
566 accordance with section 29-17a, which may include a financial history
567 check if requested by the commissioner, to determine the character and
568 fitness of the applicant for the license, [(B)] (2) provide information
569 related to other business affiliations, and [(C)] (3) provide, or allow the
570 department to obtain, such other information as the department
571 determines is consistent with the requirements of this section in order
572 to determine the fitness of the applicant to hold a license.

573 [(2) In place of the criminal history records check described in
574 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
575 commissioner may accept from a live game employee applicant the
576 submission of a third-party local and national criminal background
577 check that includes a multistate and multijurisdictional criminal record
578 locator or other similar commercial nation-wide database with
579 validation, and other such background screening as the commissioner
580 may require. Any such third-party criminal background check shall be

581 conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or background
582 screening company that is in compliance with the federal Fair Credit
583 Reporting Act and accredited by the Professional Background Screening
584 Association.]

585 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*): In place of the criminal history
586 records check required of an applicant for a key employee license under
587 subsection (c) of section 12-859 of the general statutes, as amended by
588 this act, or required of an applicant for a live game employee license
589 under subsection (b) of section 12-859a of the general statutes, as
590 amended by this act, the commissioner may accept from such applicant
591 the submission of a third-party local and national criminal background
592 check that includes a multistate and multijurisdictional criminal record
593 locator or other similar commercial nation-wide database with
594 validation, and other such background screening as the commissioner
595 may require. Any such third-party criminal background check shall be
596 conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or background
597 screening company that is in compliance with the federal Fair Credit
598 Reporting Act and accredited by the Professional Background Screening
599 Association.

600 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Upon petition of the holder
601 of a master wagering, online gaming operator, online gaming service
602 provider or sports wagering retailer license, the commissioner may
603 authorize an applicant for a key employee license under section 12-859
604 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or a live game employee
605 license under subsection (b) of section 12-859a of the general statutes, as
606 amended by this act, to provisionally perform the work permitted under
607 the license applied for, if:

608 (1) The applicant has filed a completed key employee or live game
609 employee license application, as applicable, in the form and manner
610 required by the department, and

611 (2) The master wagering, online gaming operator, online gaming
612 service provider or sports wagering retailer licensee attests that the

613 provisional authorization is necessary to continue the efficient operation
614 of internet games or retail sports wagering, and is based on
615 circumstances that are extraordinary and not designed to circumvent
616 the otherwise applicable licensing procedures.

617 (b) The department may issue a provisional authorization to an
618 applicant for a key employee or live game employee license in advance
619 of issuance or denial of such key employee or live game employee
620 license, as applicable, for a period not to exceed six months. Provisional
621 authorization shall permit such applicant to perform the functions and
622 require the applicant to comply with the requirements of the license
623 applied for as set forth in the provisions of this chapter and regulations
624 adopted pursuant to this chapter. Provisional authorization shall not
625 constitute approval for a key employee or live game employee license.
626 During the period of time that any provisional authorization is in effect,
627 the applicant granted such authorization shall be subject to and comply
628 with all applicable statutes and regulations. Any provisional
629 authorization issued by the department shall expire immediately upon
630 the earlier of:

631 (1) The date of issuance of written notice from the commissioner that
632 the key employee or live game employee license, as applicable, has been
633 approved or denied, or

634 (2) Six months after issuance of the provisional authorization.

635 (c) An individual whose key employee or live game employee license
636 application is denied after a period of provisional authorization shall
637 not reapply for such a license for a period of one year from the date of
638 the denial.

639 (d) An individual whose provisional authorization expires pursuant
640 to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, may apply for an
641 additional provisional authorization. The commissioner may issue such
642 additional provisional authorization upon a determination that the
643 conditions of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section exist.

644 Sec. 10. Section 12-863 of the general statutes is repealed and the
645 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

646 (a) (1) An individual may only place a sports wager through retail
647 sports wagering or online sports wagering outside of the reservations of
648 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
649 Connecticut or place a wager through online casino gaming conducted
650 outside of such reservations, if the wagering is authorized pursuant to
651 sections 12-852 to 12-854, inclusive, and the individual (A) has attained
652 the age of twenty-one, and (B) is physically present in the state when
653 placing the wager, and, in the case of retail sports wagering, is
654 physically present at a retail sports wagering facility in this state.

655 (2) An individual may only participate in a fantasy contest outside of
656 the reservations of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan
657 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut if the contest is authorized pursuant to
658 section 12-852 or 12-853, and the individual has attained the age of
659 eighteen.

660 (b) Any electronic wagering platform used to (1) conduct online
661 sports wagering or online casino gaming, (2) conduct keno through the
662 Internet web site, an online service or a mobile application of the
663 Connecticut Lottery Corporation, (3) conduct retail sports wagering, (4)
664 sell lottery draw game tickets through the Internet web site, online
665 service or mobile application of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, or
666 (5) conduct fantasy contests, shall be developed to:

667 (A) Verify that an individual (i) with an account for online sports
668 wagering, online casino gaming or retail sports wagering is twenty-one
669 years of age or older and is physically present in the state when placing
670 a wager or, in the case of retail sports wagering, is physically present at
671 a retail sports wagering facility, (ii) with an account to participate in
672 keno or to purchase lottery draw game tickets is eighteen years of age
673 or older and is physically present in the state when participating or
674 purchasing such tickets, or (iii) with an account for fantasy contests is
675 eighteen years of age or older;

676 (B) Provide a mechanism to prevent the unauthorized use of a
677 wagering account; and

678 (C) Maintain the security of wagering, participation or purchasing
679 data and other confidential information.

680 (c) A master wagering licensee and a licensed online gaming
681 operator, online gaming service provider and sports wagering retailer
682 shall each, where applicable based on the services provided:

683 (1) Prohibit an individual from establishing more than one account
684 on each electronic wagering platform operated by the licensee;

685 (2) Limit a person to the use of only one debit card or only one credit
686 card for an account, and place a monetary limit on the use of a credit
687 card over a period of time, provided single-use stored value instruments
688 purchased by cash or debit card only, including, but not limited to, a gift
689 card or a lottery terminal printed value voucher, may be used pursuant
690 to subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 12-853;

691 (3) Allow a person to limit the amount of money that may be
692 deposited into an account, and spent per day through an account;

693 (4) Provide that any money in an online account belongs solely to the
694 owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the owner;

695 (5) Establish a voluntary self-exclusion process to allow a person to
696 (A) exclude himself or herself from establishing an account, (B) exclude
697 himself or herself from placing wagers through an account, or (C) limit
698 the amount such person may spend using such an account;

699 (6) Provide responsible gambling and problem gambling information
700 to participants; and

701 (7) Conspicuously display on each applicable Internet web site or
702 mobile application:

703 (A) A link to a description of the provisions of this subsection;

704 (B) A link to responsible gambling information;

705 (C) A toll-free telephone number an individual may use to obtain
706 information about problem gambling;

707 (D) A link to information about the voluntary self-exclusion process
708 described in subdivision (5) of this subsection;

709 (E) A clear display or periodic pop-up message of the amount of time
710 an individual has spent on the operator's Internet web site or mobile
711 application;

712 (F) A means to initiate a break in play to discourage excessive play;
713 and

714 (G) A clear display of the amount of money available to the
715 individual in his or her account.

716 (d) At least every five years, each master wagering licensee shall be
717 subject to an independent review of operations conducted pursuant to
718 such license for responsible play, as assessed by industry standards and
719 performed by a third party approved by the department, which review
720 shall be paid for by the licensee.

721 (e) [No advertisement of online casino gaming, online sports
722 wagering or retail sports wagering may] Advertising, marketing and
723 other promotional materials published, aired, displayed or
724 disseminated by or on behalf of any gaming entity licensee shall:

725 (1) [Depict] Not depict an individual who is, or appears to be, under
726 twenty-one years of age, unless such individual is a professional athlete
727 or a collegiate athlete who, if permitted by applicable law, is able to
728 profit from the use of his or her name and likeness; [or]

729 (2) Not be aimed exclusively or primarily at individuals under
730 twenty-one years of age, or at individuals under eighteen years of age if
731 pertaining exclusively to keno, online lottery ticket sales or fantasy
732 contests, or any combination thereof;

733 (3) Not directly advertise or promote Internet games or retail sports
734 wagering to individuals who are excluded pursuant to a self-exclusion
735 process as described in subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this section;

736 (4) State that individuals shall be eighteen or twenty-one years of age
737 or older, as applicable, to participate in the type of gaming advertised,
738 marketed or promoted;

739 (5) Not contain images, symbols, celebrity or entertainer
740 endorsements or language designed to appeal specifically to those
741 under twenty-one years of age, or, if pertaining exclusively to keno,
742 online lottery ticket sales or fantasy contests, or any combination
743 thereof, to those under eighteen years of age;

744 (6) Not contain inaccurate or misleading information that would
745 reasonably be expected to confuse and mislead patrons in order to
746 induce them to engage in gaming;

747 (7) Not be published, aired, displayed or disseminated in media
748 outlets, including social media, that appeal primarily to individuals
749 under twenty-one years or age, or, if pertaining exclusively to keno,
750 online lottery ticket sales or fantasy contests, or any combination
751 thereof, to those under eighteen years of age;

752 (8) Not be placed before any audience where the majority of the
753 viewers or participants is presumed to be under twenty-one years of
754 age, or, if pertaining exclusively to keno, online lottery ticket sales or
755 fantasy contests, or any combination thereof, to those under eighteen
756 years of age;

757 (9) Not imply greater chances of winning compared to other
758 licensees;

759 (10) Not imply greater chances of winning based on wagering in
760 greater quantity or amount, except for online keno or online lottery that
761 include game features approved by the department that increase the
762 chances of winning;

763 (11) Not contain claims or representations that gaming will guarantee
764 an individual's social, financial or personal success;

765 (12) Not use any type, size, location, lighting, illustration, graphic,
766 depiction or color resulting in the obscuring of any material fact; and

767 (13) If a direct advertisement or promotion, including, but not limited
768 to, electronic mail or text message, include a clear and conspicuous
769 Internet link that allows the recipient to unsubscribe by clicking on one
770 link.

771 (f) No master wagering licensee, online gaming operator licensee or
772 sports wagering retailer licensee may enter into an agreement with a
773 third party to conduct advertising or marketing on behalf of, or to the
774 benefit of, such licensee that provides that compensation is dependent
775 on, or related to, the volume of individuals who become patrons, the
776 volume or amount of wagers placed or the outcome of wagers. The
777 Connecticut Lottery Corporation may provide licensed lottery sales
778 agents a referral fee when the corporation's marketing materials posted
779 at such agent's retail location are used by an individual to open a sports
780 wagering account. A master wagering licensee or online gaming
781 operator licensee may compensate a third party for advertising services
782 based on the click through of an individual to an online gaming operator
783 licensee's Internet web site, provided such compensation is not based on
784 an individual creating an account or placing a wager.

785 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The name and any personally identifying information of a
786 person who is participating or who has participated in the voluntary
787 self-exclusion process established pursuant to subdivision (5) of
788 subsection (c) of this section or established by the Department of
789 Consumer Protection in regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (4)
790 of section 12-865 shall not be deemed public records, as defined in
791 section 1-200, and shall not be available to the public under the
792 provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-
793 200, except:

794 (1) The Department of Consumer Protection or Connecticut Lottery

795 Corporation may disclose the name and personally identifying
796 information of such person to a master wagering licensee, licensed
797 online gaming operator, licensed online gaming service provider or
798 licensed sports wagering retailer as necessary to achieve the purposes
799 of the voluntary self-exclusion process established pursuant to
800 subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of this section or established by the
801 Department of Consumer Protection in regulations adopted pursuant to
802 subdivision (4) of section 12-865; and

803 (2) The Connecticut Lottery Corporation may disclose the name and
804 any relevant records of such person, other than records regarding such
805 person's participation in the voluntary self-exclusion process, if such
806 person claims a winning lottery ticket or if such person claims or is paid
807 a winning wager from online sports wagering or retail sports wagering
808 or is paid a prize from a fantasy contest.

809 Sec. 11. Section 12-864 of the general statutes is repealed and the
810 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

811 (a) (1) No athlete, coach or referee who takes part in a sporting event
812 and no individual participating in e-sports shall place any sports wager
813 on any sporting event in which such athlete, coach, referee or individual
814 is participating.

815 (2) No athlete, coach or referee who takes part in a sporting event of
816 a sports governing body; employee of a sports governing body holding
817 a position of authority or influence sufficient to exert influence over
818 participants in a sporting event; employee of a member team of a sports
819 governing body holding a position of authority or influence sufficient to
820 exert influence over participants in a sporting event; or personnel of any
821 bargaining unit of a sports governing body's athletes or referees, shall
822 place any wager on any sporting event overseen by such governing
823 body.

824 (3) No owner with a direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership
825 interest of five per cent or more of a member team of a sports governing
826 body shall place any wager on a sporting event in which such member

827 team participates. Tribal membership in and of itself shall not constitute
828 ownership for purposes of this section.

829 (b) In determining which individuals are prohibited from placing a
830 wager under subsection (a) of this section, a master wagering licensee
831 or a licensed online gaming operator, sports wagering retailer or online
832 gaming service provider shall use reasonably available public
833 information and exercise reasonable efforts to obtain information from
834 the department or the relevant sports governing body regarding (1)
835 owners with a direct or indirect legal or beneficial ownership interest of
836 five per cent or more of a member team of a sports governing body; and
837 (2) employees holding a position of authority or influence sufficient to
838 exert influence over participants in sporting events.

839 (c) An individual shall only place a [sports] wager on such
840 individual's behalf and shall not wager on the account of, or for, any
841 other person. No master wagering licensee or a licensed online gaming
842 operator, sports wagering retailer or online gaming service provider
843 shall accept a wager from a person on the account of, or for, any other
844 person.

845 (d) An officer, director, owner, key employee, live game employee or
846 occupational employee of a master wagering licensee or a licensed
847 online gaming operator, sports wagering retailer or online gaming
848 service provider or a family member who resides in the same household
849 as such officer, director, owner, key employee or occupational
850 employee, shall not place any wager [on a sporting event] with such
851 master wagering licensee or its licensed sports wagering retailer or
852 online gaming operator. Tribal membership in and of itself shall not
853 constitute ownership for purposes of this section.

854 (e) A master wagering licensee or a licensed online gaming operator,
855 sports wagering retailer or online gaming service provider shall not
856 knowingly pay any winnings to a person who places a wager in
857 violation of this section.

858 (f) A sports governing body may request that the commissioner

859 restrict, limit or exclude wagering on a sporting event or events by
860 providing notice in such form and manner as the commissioner
861 prescribes. The commissioner may take such action as the commissioner
862 deems necessary to ensure the integrity of wagering on such sporting
863 event or events.

864 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person licensed to
865 operate sports wagering pursuant to chapter 229b of the general statutes
866 may accept a wager on a sporting event in which a Connecticut
867 intercollegiate team or a player on a Connecticut intercollegiate team is
868 participating, unless:

869 (1) The sporting event is a tournament involving four or more teams;

870 (2) The wager is based on the outcome of all games in the tournament;
871 and

872 (3) The wager is accepted after the field of teams playing in the
873 tournament has been set and prior to the start of the tournament.

874 (b) During a tournament, (1) wagers may be placed on an individual
875 game in which no Connecticut intercollegiate team is playing, and (2)
876 once all Connecticut intercollegiate teams have been eliminated from
877 the tournament, there is no further limitation on the acceptance of
878 wagers concerning the tournament.

879 Sec. 13. Subsection (f) of section 12-574 of the general statutes is
880 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
881 *passage*):

882 (f) (1) No person may participate in this state in any activity permitted
883 under this chapter as an employee of an association, concessionaire,
884 vendor, totalizator or affiliate licensee unless such person is licensed as
885 an occupational licensee by the commissioner under subdivision (2) of
886 subsection (a) of section 12-578, as amended by this act. Whether located
887 in or out of this state, no officer, director, partner, trustee or owner of a
888 business organization which obtains a license in accordance with this

889 section may continue in such capacity unless such officer, director,
890 partner, trustee or owner is licensed as an occupational licensee by the
891 commissioner as an owner under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
892 section 12-578, as amended by this act. An occupational license shall also
893 be obtained by any shareholder, key executive, agent or other person
894 connected with any association, concessionaire, vendor, totalizator or
895 affiliate licensee, who in the judgment of the commissioner will exercise
896 control in or over any such licensee. Such person shall apply for a license
897 not later than thirty days after the commissioner requests [him] such
898 person, in writing, to do so as a pari-mutuel employee under
899 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-578, as amended by this
900 act. The commissioner shall complete his investigation of an applicant
901 for an occupational license and notify such applicant of his decision to
902 approve or deny the application within one year after its receipt, or, if
903 the commissioner determines good cause exists for extending such
904 period of investigation and gives the applicant a reasonable opportunity
905 for a hearing, by the date prescribed by the commissioner.

906 (2) Upon petition by the holder of an association, vendor, totalizator
907 or affiliate license, the commissioner may authorize an applicant for an
908 occupational license under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section
909 12-578, as amended by this act, to provisionally perform the work
910 permitted under the occupational license applied for, if:

911 (A) The applicant has filed a completed application for such
912 occupational license in the form and manner required by the
913 commissioner, and

914 (B) Such association, vendor, totalizator or affiliate licensee attests
915 that the provisional authorization is necessary to continue the efficient
916 operation of pari-mutuel wagering, and is based on circumstances that
917 are extraordinary and not designed to circumvent the otherwise
918 applicable licensing procedures.

919 (3) The commissioner may issue a provisional authorization to an
920 applicant for an occupational license under subdivision (2) of subsection

921 (a) of section 12-578, as amended by this act, in advance of issuance or
922 denial of such occupational license for such applicant for a period not to
923 exceed six months. Provisional authorization shall permit such
924 applicant to perform the functions and require the applicant to comply
925 with the requirements of the occupational license applied for as set forth
926 in the provisions of this chapter and regulations adopted pursuant to
927 this chapter. Provisional authorization shall not constitute approval for
928 an occupational license under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section
929 12-578, as amended by this act. During the period of time that any
930 provisional authorization is in effect, the applicant granted such
931 authorization shall be subject to and comply with all applicable statutes
932 and regulations. Any provisional authorization issued by the
933 commissioner shall expire immediately upon the earlier of:

934 (A) The date of issuance of written notice from the commissioner that
935 the occupational license has been approved or denied, or

936 (B) Six months after issuance of the provisional authorization.

937 (4) An individual whose occupational license application is denied
938 after a period of provisional authorization shall not reapply for an
939 occupational license under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section
940 12-578, as amended by this act, for a period of one year from the date of
941 the denial.

942 (5) An individual whose provisional authorization expires pursuant
943 to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (3) of this subsection, may apply for
944 an additional provisional authorization. The commissioner may issue
945 such additional provisional authorization upon a determination that the
946 conditions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection
947 exist.

948 Sec. 14. Section 12-578 of the general statutes is repealed and the
949 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

950 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
951 provisions of chapter 54, governing registration and the issuance and

952 annual renewal of licenses and payment of annual nonrefundable
953 application fees for the same in accordance with the following schedule:

954 (1) Registration: (A) Stable name, one hundred dollars; (B)
955 partnership name, one hundred dollars; (C) colors, twenty dollars; (D)
956 kennel name, one hundred dollars.

957 (2) [~~Licenses:~~] Occupational licenses: (A) Owner, one hundred
958 dollars; (B) trainer, one hundred dollars; (C) assistant trainer, one
959 hundred dollars; (D) jockey, forty dollars; (E) jockey agent, for each
960 jockey, one hundred dollars; (F) stable employees, including exercise
961 boy, groom, stable foreman, hot walker, outrider, twenty dollars; (G)
962 veterinarian, one hundred dollars; (H) jockey apprentice, forty dollars;
963 (I) driver, one hundred dollars; (J) valet, twenty dollars; (K) blacksmith,
964 twenty dollars; (L) plater, twenty dollars; (M) [~~concessionaire, for each~~
965 ~~concession, two hundred fifty dollars;~~ (N) concessionaire affiliate, for
966 each concession of the concessionaire, two hundred fifty dollars; (O)]
967 ~~concession employees, twenty dollars;~~ [(P)] ~~(N)~~ jai alai players, one
968 hundred dollars; [(Q)] ~~(O)~~ officials and supervisors, one hundred
969 dollars; [(R)] ~~(P)~~ pari-mutuel employees, forty dollars; [(S)] ~~(Q)~~ other
970 personnel engaged in activities regulated under this chapter, twenty
971 dollars; [(T) vendor, for each contract, two hundred fifty dollars; (U)
972 totalizator, for each contract, two hundred fifty dollars; (V) vendor and
973 totalizator affiliates, for each contract of the vendor or totalizator, two
974 hundred fifty dollars; (W)] or (R) gaming employee, forty dollars. [(X)
975 nongaming vendor, two hundred fifty dollars; (Y) gaming services, five
976 hundred dollars; and (Z) gaming affiliate, two hundred fifty dollars. For
977 the purposes of this subdivision, "concessionaire affiliate" means a
978 business organization, other than a shareholder in a publicly traded
979 corporation, that may exercise control in or over a concessionaire; and
980 "concessionaire" means any individual or business organization granted
981 the right to operate an activity at a dog race track or off-track betting
982 facility for the purpose of making a profit that receives or, in the exercise
983 of reasonable business judgment, can be expected to receive more than
984 twenty-five thousand dollars or twenty-five per cent of its gross annual
985 receipts from such activity at such track or facility.]

986 (3) Business entity licenses. (A) concessionaire, for each concession,
987 two hundred fifty dollars; (B) concessionaire affiliate, for each
988 concession of the concessionaire, two hundred fifty dollars; (C) vendor,
989 for each contract, two hundred fifty dollars; (D) totalizator, for each
990 contract, two hundred fifty dollars; (E) vendor and totalizator affiliates,
991 for each contract of the vendor or totalizator, two hundred fifty dollars;
992 (F) nongaming vendor, two hundred fifty dollars; (G) gaming services,
993 five hundred dollars; and (H) gaming affiliate, two hundred fifty
994 dollars. For the purposes of this subdivision, "concessionaire" means
995 any individual or business organization granted the right to operate an
996 activity at a dog race track or off-track betting facility for the purpose of
997 making a profit that receives or, in the exercise of reasonable business
998 judgment, can be expected to receive more than twenty-five thousand
999 dollars or twenty-five per cent of its gross annual receipts from such
1000 activity at such track or facility, and "concessionaire affiliate" means a
1001 business organization, other than a shareholder in a publicly traded
1002 corporation, that may exercise control in or over a concessionaire.

1003 (b) The commissioner shall require each applicant for a license under
1004 subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of this section to submit to state
1005 and national criminal history records checks before such license is
1006 issued. The criminal history records checks required pursuant to this
1007 subsection shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.

1008 Sec. 15. Section 29-18c of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
1009 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1010 *passage*):

1011 The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may
1012 appoint not more than four persons employed as investigators in the
1013 security unit of the Department of Consumer Protection, upon the
1014 nomination of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, to act as
1015 special police officers in said unit. Such appointees shall serve at the
1016 pleasure of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
1017 Protection. During such tenure, they shall have all the powers conferred
1018 on state police officers while investigating or making arrests for any

1019 offense arising from the operation of any off-track betting system, retail
1020 sports wagering, as defined in section 12-850, as amended by this act,
1021 Internet games, as defined in section 12-850, as amended by this act, or
1022 the conduct of any lottery game. Such special police officers shall be
1023 certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive.

1024 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 7-177 of the 2024 supplement to the
1025 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1026 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

1027 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,
1028 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon, gift card or gift
1029 certificate, entitling the winner to merchandise, tangible personal
1030 property, services, transportation on a common carrier by land, water
1031 or air and to any tour facilities provided in connection therewith, or to
1032 participation in a lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket,
1033 coupon, gift card or gift certificate shall not be refundable. No cash
1034 prizes or prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall be given, except as
1035 provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 7-177a, and no
1036 prize shall be redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets for a
1037 lottery conducted under chapter 226 or gift certificates awarded in
1038 accordance with subsection (e) of section 7-185a. No animal shall be
1039 given as a prize. For the purposes of this section, coins whose trading
1040 value exceeds their face value and coins not commonly in circulation
1041 shall not be deemed a cash prize.

1042 Sec. 17. Section 53-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1043 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

1044 Any person who uses any animal, including a fish, reptile or bird for
1045 the purpose of soliciting any alms, collection, contribution, subscription,
1046 donation or payment of money, or uses any animal, including a fish,
1047 reptile or bird as a prize or award in the operation of any game or device,
1048 or exhibits any wild animal in connection with any business for the
1049 purpose of attracting trade upon any street, highway or public park or
1050 at any fair, exhibition or place of amusement, recreation or

1051 entertainment, or owns, keeps or has in his custody any animal,
 1052 including a fish, reptile or bird for any such purpose, shall be guilty of
 1053 a class D misdemeanor, but no provision of this section shall be
 1054 construed so as to apply (1) to the exhibition of any animal, including a
 1055 fish, reptile or bird by (A) any educational institution; or (B) in a
 1056 zoological garden or in connection with any theatrical exhibition or
 1057 circus, or (2) to the use of any animal in a cow-chip raffle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	12-801
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	12-806a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	12-810(a)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	12-815a
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	12-850
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	12-859(c)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	12-859a(b)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	12-863
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	12-864
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	12-574(f)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	12-578
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	29-18c
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	7-177(a)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	53-250

Statement of Purpose:

To make revisions to various gaming statutes.

[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.]