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**Bill No.**

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LCO No. 11196

Referred to Committee on

Introduced by:

***AN ACT CONCERNING JOBS IN AND REVENUE FROM THE GAMING INDUSTRY.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) For the purposes of this  
2 section and sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this act:

3 (1) "Casino gaming facility" has the meaning as provided in section  
4 12-557b of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

5 (2) "Electronic wagering platform" or "platform" means the  
6 combination of hardware, software and data networks used to  
7 manage, administer, offer or control sports wagering or casino gaming  
8 over the Internet, including through an Internet web site or a mobile  
9 device;

10 (3) "Entertainment zone facility" means a facility authorized to  
11 conduct retail sports wagering and e-sports pursuant to section 5 of  
12 this act or any other provision of the general statutes or a public or  
13 special act;

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14 (4) "E-sports" means electronic sports and competitive video games  
15 played as a game of skill and for which wagering by nonparticipants  
16 may be authorized pursuant to section 6 of this act or any other  
17 provision of the general statutes or a public or special act;

18 (5) "Gross gaming revenue from online casino gaming" means the  
19 total of all sums actually received by an operator of online casino  
20 gaming less the total of all sums paid as winnings to patrons of the  
21 operator of online casino gaming and any federal excise tax applicable  
22 to such sums received, provided the total of all sums paid as winnings  
23 to such patrons shall not include the cash equivalent value of any  
24 merchandise or thing of value included in a jackpot or payout, and  
25 provided further the issuance to or wagering by such patrons of any  
26 promotional gaming credit shall not be included in the total of all sums  
27 actually received by an operator of online casino gaming for the  
28 purposes of determining gross gaming revenue;

29 (6) "Gross gaming revenue from sports wagering" means the total of  
30 all sums actually received by an operator of sports wagering less the  
31 total of all sums paid as winnings to patrons of the operator of sports  
32 wagering and any federal excise tax applicable to such sums received,  
33 provided the total of all sums paid as winnings to such patrons shall  
34 not include the cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of  
35 value included in a jackpot or payout, and provided further the  
36 issuance to or wagering by such patrons of any promotional gaming  
37 credit shall not be included in the total of all sums actually received by  
38 an operator of sports wagering for the purposes of determining gross  
39 gaming revenue;

40 (7) "Indian lands" has the meaning set forth in the Indian Gaming  
41 Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2703(4);

42 (8) "Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding" means  
43 the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the  
44 state and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe on January 13, 1993, as

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45 amended from time to time;

46 (9) "Mashantucket Pequot procedures" means the Final  
47 Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary  
48 of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to 25 USC  
49 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) and published in 56 Federal Register 24996 (May 31,  
50 1991), as amended from time to time;

51 (10) "MMCT Venture, LLC" means a limited liability company (A)  
52 jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and  
53 the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut; (B) in which no other  
54 person or business organization holds an equity interest; and (C) in  
55 which each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per cent equity interest;

56 (11) "Mohegan compact" means the Tribal-State Compact entered  
57 into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
58 Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time;

59 (12) "Mohegan memorandum of understanding" means the  
60 memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state  
61 and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as  
62 amended from time to time;

63 (13) "Online casino gaming" means any game of chance including,  
64 but not limited to, blackjack, poker, dice, money-wheels, roulette,  
65 baccarat, chuck-a-luck, pan game, over and under, horse race game,  
66 acey-deucey, beat the dealer, bouncing ball and slot machine, conducted  
67 over the Internet, including through an Internet web site or a mobile  
68 device. "Online casino gaming" does not include sports wagering;

69 (14) "Prohibited sports event" means any high school sport or high  
70 school e-sport event, except an international sports event in which  
71 persons under age eighteen make up a minority of the participants;

72 (15) "Retail sports wagering" means in-person sports wagering at a  
73 casino gaming facility authorized under section 12-578f of the general

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74 statutes, as amended by this act, or an entertainment zone facility  
75 authorized under section 5 of this act;

76 (16) "Skin" means the branded or cobranded name and logo on the  
77 interface of an Internet web site or a mobile application that bettors use  
78 to access an electronic wagering platform for online sports wagering or  
79 online casino gaming;

80 (17) "Sporting event" or "sports event" means any (A) sporting or  
81 athletic event at which two or more persons participate and receive  
82 compensation in excess of actual expenses for such participation in  
83 such sporting or athletic event, (B) sporting or athletic event sponsored  
84 by an intercollegiate athletic program of an institution of higher  
85 education, or (C) e-sports. "Sporting event" does not include horse  
86 racing or any sporting or athletic event sponsored by a minor league;

87 (18) "Sports wagering" means risking or accepting any money,  
88 credit, deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or  
89 in part (A) by any system or method of wagering, including, but not  
90 limited to, in person or over the Internet through an Internet web site  
91 or a mobile device, and (B) based on (i) a sporting event or a portion or  
92 portions of a sporting event including future or propositional events  
93 during such an event, or (ii) the individual performance statistics of an  
94 athlete or athletes in a sporting event or a combination of sporting  
95 events. "Sports wagering" does not include the payment of an entry fee  
96 to play fantasy contests, as defined in section 12-578aa of the general  
97 statutes, or an entry fee to participate in e-sports; and

98 (19) "Tribally owned company" means MMCT Venture, LLC, or any  
99 other limited liability company formed under the laws of the state of  
100 Connecticut (A) jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket  
101 Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, (B) in  
102 which no other person or business organization holds an equity  
103 interest, and (C) in which each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per  
104 cent equity interest.

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105       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) The Governor may enter into  
106 amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and to the  
107 Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding with the  
108 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments to the Mohegan compact  
109 and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding with the  
110 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or new compacts with the  
111 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut,  
112 or both, concerning:

113       (1) The operation of retail sports wagering on Indian lands pursuant  
114 to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-947, 25 USC  
115 2701 et seq., provided (A) such amendment or new compact shall  
116 provide that any individual making a sports wager is at least twenty-  
117 one years of age or older, and (B) the authorization to operate sports  
118 wagering shall not become effective until each new compact with the  
119 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
120 Connecticut or each amendment to the Mashantucket Pequot  
121 procedures, the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of  
122 understanding, the Mohegan compact and the Mohegan memorandum  
123 of understanding, for retail sports wagering on Indian lands has  
124 become effective;

125       (2) The operation of retail sports wagering at a casino gaming  
126 facility authorized under section 12-578f of the general statutes, as  
127 amended by this act;

128       (3) The operation of one online skin for sports wagering conducted  
129 over the Internet, through an Internet web site or mobile application  
130 within the state by each federally recognized Native American Tribe  
131 operating Class III gaming on its Indian lands in the state pursuant to a  
132 tribal-state gaming compact or procedures approved under the Indian  
133 Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 USC 2710, provided the Internet  
134 web site and mobile application used by each tribe clearly identifies, at  
135 all times, the skin on the display screen;

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136 (4) The operation of one online skin for online casino gaming  
137 conducted over the Internet, through an Internet web site or mobile  
138 application within the state by each federally recognized Native  
139 American Tribe operating Class III gaming on its Indian lands in the  
140 state pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact or procedures  
141 approved under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 USC  
142 2710, provided the Internet web site and mobile application used by  
143 each tribe clearly identifies, at all times, the skin on the display screen;

144 (5) The operation of retail sports wagering at entertainment zone  
145 facilities by a tribally owned company pursuant to section 5 of this act;  
146 and

147 (6) The operation of a program by the Connecticut Lottery  
148 Corporation to sell lottery tickets for lottery draw games through the  
149 corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application,  
150 provided the total number of drawings across all such games in a  
151 given day shall not exceed six drawings.

152 (b) (1) Any amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures  
153 and the Mohegan compact pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
154 shall include a provision that such amendments do not terminate the  
155 moratorium against the operation of video facsimile games by the  
156 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
157 Connecticut on each tribe's reservation.

158 (2) Any amendments to each tribe's memorandum of understanding  
159 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include a provision that  
160 such amendments do not relieve each tribe from each tribe's obligation  
161 to contribute a percentage of the gross operating revenues of video  
162 facsimile games to the state as provided in each tribe's memorandum  
163 of understanding.

164 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-6c of the general  
165 statutes and unless federal law or a gaming agreement or procedure  
166 entered into pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 USC

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167 2701 et seq. requires otherwise, the Governor may enter into any  
168 amendment or compact pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and  
169 such amendment or compact shall be effective, provided each tribe  
170 agrees to make contributions to the state from gaming revenue for  
171 online sports wagering and online casino gaming on Indian lands that  
172 are equivalent to the rates established in section 8 of this act.

173 (2) If federal law requires approval by the Secretary of the United  
174 States Department of Interior for any amendment or compact entered  
175 into pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and such approval is  
176 overturned by a court in a final judgment, which is not appealable, the  
177 authorization provided for in such amendment or compact shall cease  
178 to be effective.

179 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Each federally recognized  
180 Native American Tribe operating Class III gaming on its Indian lands  
181 in the state pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact or procedures  
182 approved under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 USC  
183 2710, shall be authorized to operate one online skin for sports  
184 wagering within the state through an Internet web site or mobile  
185 application, provided (1) each compact or amendment to the  
186 Mashantucket Pequot procedures, the Mashantucket Pequot  
187 memorandum of understanding, the Mohegan compact and the  
188 Mohegan memorandum of understanding required under subdivision  
189 (3) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act is effective; and (2) the  
190 Internet web site and mobile application used by each tribe clearly  
191 identifies, at all times, the skin on the display screen. Unless prohibited  
192 by federal law or any gaming agreement or procedure entered into  
193 pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2701 et seq.,  
194 any online sports wager received by a casino on Indian lands and  
195 authorized pursuant to this section is considered to be a wager placed  
196 where the server receiving the wager is located, regardless of the  
197 authorized participant's location at the time the wager is initiated or  
198 otherwise placed.

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199       Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Each federally recognized  
200 Native American Tribe operating Class III gaming on its Indian lands  
201 in the state pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact or procedures  
202 approved under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 USC  
203 2710, shall be authorized to operate one online skin for online casino  
204 gaming within the state through an Internet web site or mobile  
205 application, provided (1) each compact or amendment to the  
206 Mashantucket Pequot procedures, the Mashantucket Pequot  
207 memorandum of understanding, the Mohegan compact and the  
208 Mohegan memorandum of understanding required under subdivision  
209 (4) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act is effective; and (2) the  
210 Internet web site and mobile application used by each tribe clearly  
211 identifies, at all times, the skin on the display screen. Unless prohibited  
212 by federal law or any gaming agreement or procedure entered into  
213 pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2701 et seq.,  
214 any online casino gaming wager received by a casino on Indian lands  
215 and authorized pursuant to this section is considered to be a wager  
216 placed where the server receiving the wager is located, regardless of  
217 the authorized participant's location at the time the wager is initiated  
218 or otherwise placed.

219       Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) A tribally owned company is  
220 authorized to operate a casino gaming facility in the city of Bridgeport,  
221 provided such company invests a minimum of one hundred million  
222 dollars to develop such facility.

223       (b) A tribally owned company is authorized to operate an  
224 entertainment zone facility (1) at the facility described in subsection (a)  
225 of this section, (2) at a facility in the city of Hartford, and (3) at a  
226 facility in two additional municipalities in the state chosen by the  
227 tribally owned company.

228       (c) (1) Authorization to operate a facility under subsection (a) or (b)  
229 of this section shall not be effective unless:



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230 (A) The governing bodies of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and  
231 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut have enacted resolutions  
232 providing: (i) That, if the tribally owned company fails to pay any fees  
233 or taxes due the state, the tribes, as the members of the tribally owned  
234 company, waive the possible defense of sovereign immunity with  
235 respect to any action or claim by the state against the tribes as the  
236 members of the tribally owned company to the extent such action or  
237 claim is permitted to be brought against a member of a limited liability  
238 company under state law to collect any fees or taxes, while preserving  
239 any other defenses available to the tribes, and (ii) that the venue for  
240 such action or claim shall be in the judicial district of Hartford; and

241 (B) Prior to operation of any entertainment zone facility, compacts  
242 with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
243 Connecticut or amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures,  
244 the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding, the  
245 Mohegan compact and the Mohegan memorandum of understanding  
246 concerning operation of retail sports wagering at entertainment zone  
247 facilities are effective pursuant to section 2 of this act.

248 (2) Authorization to operate a facility under subsection (a) or (b) of  
249 this section shall cease to be effective if the tribally owned company  
250 ceases to be a limited liability company jointly and exclusively owned  
251 by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians  
252 of Connecticut in which each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per cent  
253 equity interest.

254 (3) No entertainment zone facility shall be located in a municipality  
255 that has, through its legislative body or by referendum, voted not to  
256 permit the operation of such a facility, unless such vote is superseded  
257 by a subsequent vote not earlier than sixty days following the first  
258 vote.

259 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) An individual may only  
260 place a sports wager on a sporting event or place a wager through an

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261 online casino electronic wagering platform if the wagering is  
262 authorized pursuant to sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, as  
263 applicable, and the individual has attained the age of twenty-one and  
264 is physically present in the state when placing the wager.

265 (b) Any electronic wagering platform used for conducting online  
266 sports wagering or online casino gaming shall be developed to: (1)  
267 Verify that an individual with a wagering account is twenty-one years  
268 of age or older and is located in the state, and (2) provide a mechanism  
269 to prevent the unauthorized use of wagering accounts and maintain  
270 the security of wagering data and other confidential information.

271 (c) No sports wagering shall be permitted on any prohibited sports  
272 event.

273 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Not later than twelve months  
274 after the date any authorization of sports wagering or online casino  
275 gaming becomes effective under sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act,  
276 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in  
277 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes  
278 and to the extent not prohibited by federal law or any gaming  
279 agreement or procedure entered into pursuant to the Indian Gaming  
280 Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2701 et seq., to implement the provisions of  
281 sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act. Such regulations shall address the  
282 operation of, participation in and advertisement of sports wagering  
283 and online casino gaming, including, but not limited to, provisions to  
284 protect the public interest in the integrity of gaming. The  
285 commissioner may implement policies and procedures while in the  
286 process of adopting such regulations, provided notice of intention to  
287 adopt regulations is posted on the eRegulations System not later than  
288 twenty days after implementation. Any such policy or procedure shall  
289 be valid until the time final regulations are effective. Prior to the  
290 effective date of final regulations or the posting of notice of intention to  
291 adopt regulations on the eRegulations System, whichever occurs first,  
292 sports wagering or online casino gaming authorized under sections 2

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293 to 5, inclusive, of this act may be conducted in accordance with  
294 standards of operation and management adopted by a tribal gaming  
295 agency of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or Mohegan Tribe of Indians  
296 of Connecticut and approved by the Commissioner of Consumer  
297 Protection. The commissioner shall approve each standard unless it  
298 finds that the standard would have a material adverse impact on the  
299 public interest in the integrity of the sports wagering or online gaming  
300 operation and shall disapprove only such portions of any such  
301 standard that is determined to have a material adverse impact on such  
302 public interest, setting forth with specificity the reasons for such  
303 disapproval. Approval of such standards shall be deemed granted  
304 unless disapproved within forty-five days of submission.

305       Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than thirty days after  
306 the date an operator of sports wagering or online casino gaming  
307 commences operation under sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act and  
308 on a monthly basis thereafter while such sports wagering or online  
309 casino gaming is conducted, if such gaming takes place outside of  
310 Indian lands of a federally recognized Native American Tribe, each  
311 such operator shall pay to the state for deposit in the General Fund: (1)  
312 Ten per cent of the gross gaming revenue from online casino gaming  
313 authorized under sections 2 and 4 of this act; and (2) eight per cent of  
314 the gross gaming revenue from sports wagering authorized under  
315 sections 2, 3 and 5 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

316       Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Commencing in any fiscal  
317 year that sports wagering or online casino gaming is conducted  
318 pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act outside of Indian lands  
319 and on or before September thirtieth in each fiscal year thereafter, the  
320 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall: (1) Estimate, after  
321 consultation with each operator of online casino gaming, online sports  
322 wagering or an entertainment zone facility or the operator of a casino  
323 gaming facility conducting retail sports wagering pursuant to section  
324 12-578f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the reasonable  
325 and necessary costs that will be incurred by the department in the next

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326 fiscal year to regulate the operation of such wagering or gaming under  
327 sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act; and (2) assess each such operator's  
328 share of such estimated costs pro rata according to such operator's  
329 annualized share of the gross gaming revenue from such wagering or  
330 gaming in the prior fiscal year, if any. The estimated costs shall not  
331 exceed the estimate of expenditure requirements transmitted by the  
332 commissioner pursuant to section 4-77 of the general statutes. The  
333 assessment for any fiscal year shall be: (A) Reduced pro rata by the  
334 amount of any surplus from the assessment of the prior fiscal year,  
335 which shall be maintained in accordance with subsection (d) of this  
336 section, or (B) increased pro rata by the amount of any deficit from the  
337 assessment of the prior fiscal year.

338 (b) Each operator of online casino gaming, online sports wagering  
339 or an entertainment zone facility or operator of a casino gaming facility  
340 conducting sports wagering pursuant to section 12-578f of the general  
341 statutes, as amended by this act, shall pay to the commissioner the  
342 amount assessed to such operator pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
343 section not later than the date specified by the commissioner for  
344 payment, provided such date is not less than thirty days from the date  
345 of such assessment. The commissioner shall remit to the Treasurer all  
346 funds received pursuant to this section.

347 (c) The Treasurer shall deposit all funds received pursuant to  
348 subsection (b) of this section in the State Gaming Regulatory Fund,  
349 established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-578e of the general  
350 statutes, as amended by this act.

351 (d) On or before September thirtieth, annually, the Comptroller shall  
352 calculate the actual reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the  
353 department to regulate operators of online casino gaming, online  
354 sports wagering and entertainment zone facilities and the operator of a  
355 casino gaming facility conducting sports wagering pursuant to section  
356 12-578f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, during the prior  
357 fiscal year. The Treasurer shall set aside amounts received in excess of

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358 such actual costs. Such excess amounts shall be considered a surplus  
359 for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section.

360 (e) Any operator of online casino gaming, online sports wagering or  
361 an entertainment zone facility or a casino gaming facility conducting  
362 sports wagering pursuant to section 12-578f of the general statutes, as  
363 amended by this act, aggrieved by an assessment under the provisions  
364 of this section may request a hearing before the commissioner not later  
365 than thirty days after such assessment. The commissioner shall hold  
366 such hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
367 general statutes not later than thirty days after receiving such request.

368 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any payment to the state  
369 made by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, the Mohegan Tribe of  
370 Indians of Connecticut, MMCT Venture, LLC, or a tribally owned  
371 company and based on gross gaming revenue from online casino  
372 gaming, gross gaming revenue from sports wagering or gross gaming  
373 revenue, as defined in section 12-557b of the general statutes, as  
374 amended by this act, as applicable, shall count toward the calculation  
375 of the "minimum contribution" pursuant to the Mashantucket Pequot  
376 memorandum of understanding and the Mohegan memorandum of  
377 understanding, with any such payments by MMCT Venture, LLC, or  
378 another tribally owned company based on such tribe's proportionate  
379 ownership of MMCT Venture, LLC, or the tribally owned company.

380 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this  
381 section, "gross gaming revenue" has the same meaning as provided in  
382 section 12-557b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and  
383 "authorized games" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-  
384 578f of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

385 (b) Not later than thirty days after the date a casino gaming facility  
386 authorized under section 5 of this act is operational and on a monthly  
387 basis thereafter while such casino gaming facility is operational, the  
388 tribally owned company operating such facility shall pay to the state,

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389 in addition to the funds provided for in section 8 of this act for sports  
390 wagering: (1) Ten per cent of the gross gaming revenue from the  
391 operation of authorized games, except video facsimile games, which  
392 shall be deposited in the state-wide tourism marketing account,  
393 established pursuant to section 10-395a of the general statutes; (2)  
394 fifteen per cent of the gross gaming revenue from the operation of  
395 authorized games, except video facsimile games, which shall be  
396 deposited in the General Fund; and (3) twenty-five per cent of the  
397 gross gaming revenue from the operation of video facsimile games,  
398 which shall be deposited as follows: (A) Five million two hundred fifty  
399 thousand dollars annually in the municipal gaming account,  
400 established pursuant to section 12-578h of the general statutes, as  
401 amended by this act, and (B) any remaining amounts in the General  
402 Fund.

403 (c) On and after the date the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
404 Management finds that a minimum of five million two hundred fifty  
405 thousand dollars has been deposited in the municipal gaming account  
406 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Office of Policy and  
407 Management shall provide an annual grant of seven hundred fifty  
408 thousand dollars to each of the following municipalities: Fairfield,  
409 Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk, Stratford, Trumbull and Waterbury.  
410 The amount of the grant payable to each municipality during any fiscal  
411 year shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants  
412 exceeds the amount of funds available for such year.

413 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the  
414 general statutes or any special act, charter or ordinance, the city of  
415 Bridgeport may, by affirmative vote of a majority of the city council,  
416 enter into a written agreement with any party owning or proposing to  
417 acquire an interest in real property in the city that fixes the assessment  
418 of (1) any such real property that is the subject of the agreement, and  
419 all improvements thereon or therein and to be constructed thereon or  
420 therein, and (2) all taxable personal property, whether owned or  
421 leased, to be located on such real property. Such agreement or any

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422 modification, renewal or extension thereof shall be for a period of not  
423 more than ten years. Such agreement may provide that the owner or  
424 lessee of such personal property is not required to submit a personal  
425 property declaration in the city during the period for which such  
426 agreement is in effect. The provisions of this section shall only apply if  
427 such real property, improvements and personal property are owned,  
428 leased or used in connection with a casino gaming facility, as defined  
429 in section 12-557b of the general statutes, as amended by this act. For  
430 the purposes of this section, "improvements" include the rehabilitation  
431 of any structure that exists on the effective date of this section and is  
432 rehabilitated for use by a casino gaming facility.

433 Sec. 13. Section 12-578f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
434 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

435 (a) For the purposes of this section and section 12-578g, as amended  
436 by this act:

437 (1) "Authorized games" means any game of chance, including, but  
438 not limited to, blackjack, poker, dice, money-wheels, roulette, baccarat,  
439 chuck-a-luck, pan game, over and under, horse race game, acey-deucey,  
440 beat the dealer, bouncing ball, video facsimile game and any other  
441 game of chance authorized by the Commissioner of Consumer  
442 Protection. "Authorized games" does not include sports wagering as  
443 defined in section 1 of this act;

444 (2) "Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding" means  
445 the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the  
446 state and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe on January 13, 1993, as  
447 amended on April 30, 1993;

448 (3) "Mashantucket Pequot procedures" means the Final  
449 Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary  
450 of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to Section  
451 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) of Title 25 of the United States Code and published in  
452 56 Federal Register 24996 (May 31, 1991);

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453 (4) "MMCT Venture, LLC" means a limited liability company  
454 described in subsection (d) of this section;

455 (5) "Mohegan compact" means the Tribal-State Compact entered  
456 into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
457 Connecticut on May 17, 1994; and

458 (6) "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.

461 (b) MMCT Venture, LLC, is authorized to conduct authorized  
462 games at a casino gaming facility at 171 Bridge Street, East Windsor,  
463 Connecticut.

464 (c) Such authorization shall not be effective unless the following  
465 conditions have been met:

466 (1) (A) The Governor enters into amendments to the Mashantucket  
467 Pequot procedures and to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of  
468 understanding with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments  
469 to the Mohegan compact and to the Mohegan memorandum of  
470 understanding with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut  
471 concerning the operation of a casino gaming facility in the state.

472 (B) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and  
473 the Mohegan compact shall include a provision that the authorization  
474 of MMCT Venture, LLC, to conduct authorized games in the state does  
475 not terminate the moratorium against the operation of video facsimile  
476 games by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mohegan Tribe of  
477 Indians of Connecticut on each tribe's reservation.

478 (C) The amendments to each tribe's memorandum of understanding  
479 shall include a provision that the authorization of MMCT Venture,  
480 LLC, to conduct authorized games in the state does not relieve each  
481 tribe from each tribe's obligation to contribute a percentage of the gross



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482 operating revenues of video facsimile games to the state as provided in  
483 each tribe's memorandum of understanding.

484 (2) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures, the  
485 Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding, the Mohegan  
486 compact and the Mohegan memorandum of understanding are  
487 approved or deemed approved by the Secretary of the United States  
488 Department of the Interior pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming  
489 Regulatory Act, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq., and its  
490 implementing regulations. If such approval is overturned by a court in  
491 a final judgment, which is not appealable, the authorization provided  
492 under this section shall cease to be effective.

493 (3) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and to  
494 the Mohegan compact are approved by the General Assembly  
495 pursuant to section 3-6c.

496 (4) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of  
497 understanding and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding  
498 are approved by the General Assembly pursuant to the process  
499 described in section 3-6c.

500 (5) The governing bodies of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and  
501 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut enact resolutions providing:  
502 (A) That if MMCT Venture, LLC, fails to pay any fees or taxes due the  
503 state, the tribes, as the members of MMCT Venture, LLC, waive the  
504 possible defense of sovereign immunity with respect to any action or  
505 claim by the state against the tribes as the members of MMCT Venture,  
506 LLC, to the extent such action or claim is permitted to be brought  
507 against a member of a limited liability company under state law to  
508 collect any fees or taxes, while preserving any other defenses available  
509 to the tribes, and (B) that the venue for such action or claim shall be in  
510 the judicial district of Hartford.

511 (d) Such authorization shall apply to MMCT Venture, LLC,  
512 provided: (1) MMCT Venture, LLC, is a limited liability company

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513 jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and  
514 the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut; (2) no other person or  
515 business organization holds an equity interest in MMCT Venture, LLC;  
516 and (3) each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per cent equity interest in  
517 MMCT Venture, LLC. If MMCT Venture, LLC, ceases to be a limited  
518 liability company jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket  
519 Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut in  
520 which each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per cent equity interest,  
521 such authorization shall be void.

522 (e) MMCT Venture, LLC, is authorized to operate retail sports  
523 wagering, as defined in section 1 of this act, at a casino gaming facility  
524 at 171 Bridge Street, East Windsor, Connecticut, provided new  
525 compacts with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mohegan Tribe of  
526 Indians of Connecticut or amendments to each of the Mashantucket  
527 Pequot procedures and to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of  
528 understanding with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments  
529 to the Mohegan compact and to the Mohegan memorandum of  
530 understanding with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut  
531 concerning such operation are effective pursuant to section 2 of this  
532 act. If MMCT Venture, LLC, ceases to be a limited liability company  
533 jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and  
534 the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut in which each tribe holds  
535 at least a twenty-five per cent equity interest, such authorization shall  
536 be void.

537 Sec. 14. Section 12-806c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
538 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

539 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-6c, the Secretary of  
540 the Office of Policy and Management, on behalf of the state of  
541 Connecticut, may enter into separate agreements with the  
542 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
543 Connecticut concerning the operation of keno by the Connecticut  
544 Lottery Corporation in the state of Connecticut. Any such agreement

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545 shall provide that the state of Connecticut shall distribute to each tribe  
546 a sum not to exceed a twelve and one-half per cent share of the gross  
547 operating revenue received by the state from the operation of keno.  
548 The corporation may not operate keno until such separate agreements  
549 are effective. For the purposes of this section, "gross operating  
550 revenues" means the total amounts wagered, less amounts paid out as  
551 prizes.

552 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-6c, the secretary, on  
553 behalf of the state, may enter into amendments to such agreements  
554 described in subsection (a) of this section concerning the operation of  
555 keno over the Internet by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation in the  
556 state of Connecticut.

557 (c) Any electronic platform or combination of hardware, software  
558 and data networks used to manage, administer, offer or control keno  
559 over the Internet, including through an Internet web site or a mobile  
560 device, shall, at a minimum, be developed to: (1) Verify that an  
561 individual with a keno account is eighteen years of age or older and is  
562 located in the state, and (2) provide a mechanism to prevent the  
563 unauthorized use of a keno account and maintain the security of data  
564 and other confidential information.

565 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
566 "lottery draw game" means any draw game played with a live drawing  
567 that is available for purchase through a lottery sales agent with  
568 drawings not more frequently than hourly.

569 (b) The Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall establish a program  
570 to sell lottery tickets for lottery draw games through the corporation's  
571 Internet web site, online service or mobile application, provided: (1)  
572 Such program is conducted pursuant to compacts with the  
573 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
574 Connecticut or amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures  
575 and to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding with

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576 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments to the Mohegan  
577 compact and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding with the  
578 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut that are effective pursuant to  
579 section 2 of this act; (2) the keno draw game or lottery draw game is  
580 offered pursuant to signed agreements with the Mashantucket Pequot  
581 Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut or signed  
582 amendments to such agreements, in accordance with the provisions of  
583 section 12-806c of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and (3)  
584 the total number of drawings across all lottery draw games for which  
585 lottery tickets are sold through the corporation's Internet web site,  
586 online service or mobile application shall not exceed six drawings in a  
587 given day.

588 (c) Such program shall, at a minimum: (1) Verify that a person who  
589 establishes an online lottery account to purchase a lottery ticket  
590 through such program is eighteen years of age or older and is located  
591 in the state; (2) restrict the sale of lottery tickets to transactions initiated  
592 and received within the state; (3) allow a person to deposit money into  
593 an online lottery account through the use of a verified bank account,  
594 prepaid lottery gift card, debit card or credit card; (4) limit a person  
595 with an online lottery account to using only one debit card or credit  
596 card; (5) provide that any money in an online lottery account belongs  
597 solely to the owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the  
598 owner at any time; (6) provide a mechanism to prevent the  
599 unauthorized use of online lottery accounts; (7) establish a voluntary  
600 self-exclusion process to allow a person to exclude himself or herself  
601 from establishing an online lottery account or purchasing a lottery  
602 ticket through such program; (8) provide a mechanism to prevent a  
603 person who participates in the self-exclusion process from establishing  
604 an online lottery account; (9) within one year from the date such  
605 program is established, be the subject of an application for certification  
606 from a national or international responsible gambling compliance  
607 assessment program; (10) post a conspicuous link to responsible  
608 gambling information on all online lottery account Internet web pages;

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609 and (11) after consultation with advocacy groups for individuals with  
610 gambling problems, (A) limit the amount of money a person may  
611 deposit into an online lottery account, (B) limit the amount of money a  
612 person may spend per day through such program, and (C) provide for  
613 online messages regarding the importance of responsible gambling  
614 when a person is using his or her online lottery account for an amount  
615 of time specified by the corporation.

616 (d) Prior to implementing any procedure, as defined in subdivision  
617 (2) of section 1-120 of the general statutes, to assure the integrity of  
618 such program, the corporation shall obtain the written approval of the  
619 Commissioner of Consumer Protection in accordance with regulations  
620 adopted under section 12-568a of the general statutes.

621 (e) The corporation shall: (1) Implement initiatives to promote the  
622 purchase of lottery tickets through lottery sales agents; (2) permit  
623 lottery sales agents to sell prepaid lottery gift cards; and (3) conduct an  
624 online public awareness campaign designed to educate the public  
625 regarding compulsive gambling and to inform the public of the  
626 programs available for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of  
627 compulsive gamblers in the state.

628 Sec. 16. Subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 12-806 of the  
629 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
630 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

631 (4) (A) To introduce new lottery games, modify existing lottery  
632 games, utilize existing and new technologies, determine distribution  
633 channels for the sale of lottery tickets, introduce keno pursuant to  
634 signed agreements with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the  
635 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, in accordance with section  
636 12-806c, as amended by this act, and, to the extent specifically  
637 authorized by regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer  
638 Protection pursuant to chapter 54, introduce instant ticket vending  
639 machines, kiosks and automated wagering systems or machines, with

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640 all such rights being subject to regulatory oversight by the Department  
641 of Consumer Protection; and

642 (B) To offer lottery draw games, including for promotional  
643 purposes, through the corporation's Internet web site, online service or  
644 mobile application in accordance with section 15 of this act, except that  
645 the corporation shall not offer any other interactive [on-line] lottery  
646 games, including [on-line video lottery games] for promotional  
647 purposes, on the corporation's Internet web site, online service or  
648 mobile application;

649 Sec. 17. Section 12-810 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
650 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

651 (a) The Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200,  
652 shall apply to all actions, meetings and records of the corporation,  
653 except (1) where otherwise limited by subsection (c) of this section as  
654 to new lottery games and serial numbers of unclaimed lottery tickets,  
655 [and] (2) with respect to financial, credit and proprietary information  
656 submitted by any person to the corporation in connection with any  
657 proposal to provide goods, services or professional advice to the  
658 corporation as provided in section 12-815, and (3) where otherwise  
659 limited by subsection (d) of this section as to information submitted by  
660 any person to the corporation regarding such person's participation in  
661 the corporation's voluntary self-exclusion process established pursuant  
662 to subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 15 of this act.

663 (b) The records of proceedings as provided in subsection (a) of  
664 section 12-805 shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to the provisions  
665 of subsection (a) of section 1-210.

666 (c) Any new lottery game and the procedures for such game, until  
667 the game is publicly announced by the corporation, and any serial  
668 number of an unclaimed lottery ticket shall not be deemed public  
669 records, as defined in section 1-200, and shall not be available to the  
670 public under the provisions of section 1-210. The president shall

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671 submit a fiscal note prepared by the corporation with respect to the  
672 procedures for a new lottery game to the joint standing committees of  
673 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,  
674 revenue, bonding and public safety after approval of such game by the  
675 board.

676 (d) The name and any personally identifying information of a  
677 person who is participating or has participated in the corporation's  
678 voluntary self-exclusion process shall not be deemed public records, as  
679 defined in section 1-200, and shall not be available to the public under  
680 the provisions of section 1-210. The president may disclose the name  
681 and any records of such person if such person claims a winning lottery  
682 ticket from the use of the online lottery program established pursuant  
683 to section 15 of this act.

684 Sec. 18. Section 12-557b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
685 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

686 As used in this chapter, sections [12-578a to 12-578e, inclusive,] 12-  
687 579 and 12-580, chapter 226b, [and] section 53-278g, as amended by  
688 this act, and sections 1 to 12, inclusive, of this act, unless the context  
689 otherwise requires:

690 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
691 Protection;

692 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

693 (3) "Business organization" means a partnership, incorporated or  
694 unincorporated association, firm, corporation, trust or other form of  
695 business or legal entity, other than a financial institution regulated by a  
696 state or federal agency which is not exercising control over an  
697 association licensee, but does not mean a governmental or sovereign  
698 entity;

699 (4) "Control" means the power to exercise authority over or direct

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700 the management and policies of a person or business organization;

701 (5) "Casino gaming facility" means any casino gaming facility  
702 authorized by any provision of the general statutes or a public or  
703 special act to conduct authorized games on its premises, but does not  
704 include any casino gaming facility located on Indian lands pursuant to  
705 the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq.;

706 (6) "Authorized game" means any game of chance specifically  
707 authorized to be conducted at a casino gaming facility by any  
708 provision of the general statutes or a public or special act; and

709 (7) "Gross gaming revenue" means the total of all sums actually  
710 received by a casino gaming facility from gaming operations less the  
711 total of all sums paid as winnings to patrons of the casino gaming  
712 facility, provided the total of all sums paid as winnings to such patrons  
713 shall not include the cash equivalent value of any merchandise or  
714 thing of value included in a jackpot or payout, and provided further  
715 the issuance to or wagering by such patrons of any promotional  
716 gaming credit shall not be included in the total of all sums actually  
717 received by a casino gaming facility for the purposes of determining  
718 gross gaming revenue.

719 Sec. 19. Section 12-561 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
720 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

721 No commissioner or unit head or employee of the department shall  
722 directly or indirectly, individually or as a member of a partnership or  
723 as a shareholder of a corporation, have any interest whatsoever in  
724 dealing in any lottery, racing, fronton, betting enterprise or casino  
725 gaming facility or in the ownership or leasing of any property or  
726 premises used by or for any lottery, racing, fronton, betting enterprise  
727 or casino gaming facility. No commissioner or unit head shall, directly  
728 or indirectly, wager at any off-track betting facility, race track or  
729 fronton authorized under this chapter, purchase lottery tickets issued  
730 under this chapter, [or] play, directly or indirectly, any authorized



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731 game conducted at a casino gaming facility or place a sports wager, as  
732 defined in section 1 of this act. The commissioner may adopt  
733 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to prohibit  
734 any employee of the department from engaging, directly or indirectly,  
735 in any form of legalized gambling activity in which such employee is  
736 involved because of his or her employment with the department. For  
737 purposes of this section, "unit head" means a managerial employee  
738 with direct oversight of a legalized gambling activity.

739 Sec. 20. Section 12-562 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
740 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

741 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the  
742 commissioner shall have power to enforce the provisions of this  
743 chapter and chapter 226b, and shall adopt all necessary regulations for  
744 that purpose and for carrying out, enforcing and preventing violation  
745 of any of the provisions of this chapter, for the inspection of licensed  
746 premises, enterprises, [or] casino gaming facilities or entertainment  
747 zone facilities, for insuring proper, safe and orderly conduct of  
748 licensed premises, enterprises or [casino gaming] facilities and for  
749 protecting the public against fraud or overcharge. The commissioner  
750 shall have power generally to do whatever is reasonably necessary for  
751 the carrying out of the intent of this chapter; and may call upon other  
752 administrative departments of the state government and of municipal  
753 governments for such information and assistance as he or she deems  
754 necessary to the performance of his or her duties. The commissioner  
755 shall set racing and jai alai meeting dates, except that the commissioner  
756 may delegate to designated staff the authority for setting make-up  
757 performance dates. The commissioner shall, as far as practicable, avoid  
758 conflicts in the dates assigned for racing or the exhibition of the game  
759 of jai alai in the state.

760 (b) The special [policemen] police officers in the Department of  
761 Consumer Protection and the legalized gambling investigative unit in  
762 the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency

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763 Services and Public Protection shall be responsible for the criminal  
764 enforcement of the provisions of sections 7-169 to 7-186, inclusive, this  
765 chapter and chapters 226b and 229a. They shall have the powers and  
766 duties specified in section 29-7c.

767 Sec. 21. Section 12-563a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
768 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

769 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall, within available  
770 resources, prepare and distribute informational materials designed to  
771 inform the public of the programs available for the prevention,  
772 treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive gamblers in this state. The  
773 commissioner shall require any casino gaming facility, any  
774 entertainment zone facility and any person or business organization  
775 which is licensed to sell lottery tickets, operate an off-track betting  
776 system or conduct wagering on racing events or jai alai games, to  
777 display such informational materials at the casino gaming facility,  
778 entertainment zone facility and each licensed premise, respectively.

779 Sec. 22. Section 12-577 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
780 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

781 The commissioner shall annually cause to be made by some  
782 competent person or persons in the department a thorough audit of  
783 the books and records of each association licensee under this chapter,  
784 [and] each casino gaming facility and each entertainment zone facility  
785 and the commissioner may, from time to time, cause to be made by  
786 some competent person in the department a thorough audit of the  
787 books and records of any other person or business organization  
788 licensed under this chapter. All such audit records shall be kept on file  
789 in the commissioner's office at all times. Each licensee, [and] casino  
790 gaming facility and entertainment zone facility shall permit access to  
791 its books and records for the purpose of having such audit made, and  
792 shall produce, upon written order of the commissioner, any documents  
793 and information required for such purpose.

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794 Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 12-578e of the  
795 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
796 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

797 (c) (1) There is established a fund to be known as the "State Gaming  
798 Regulatory Fund". The fund shall contain any moneys required or  
799 permitted to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the  
800 Treasurer separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and  
801 accounts. Investment earnings credited to the assets of said fund shall  
802 become part of the assets of said fund. Any balance remaining in said  
803 fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in said fund  
804 for the fiscal year next succeeding. Moneys in the fund shall be  
805 expended by the Treasurer for the purposes of paying the costs  
806 incurred by the department to regulate casino gaming facilities, online  
807 casino gaming, online sports wagering and entertainment zone  
808 facilities, as defined in section 1 of this act.

809 Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 12-578g of the general statutes is  
810 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
811 *1, 2019*):

812 (c) Not later than thirty days after the date the casino gaming facility  
813 is operational and on a monthly basis thereafter while such casino  
814 gaming facility is operational, MMCT Venture, LLC, shall pay to the  
815 state: (1) Ten per cent of the gross gaming revenue from the operation  
816 of authorized games, except video facsimile games, which shall be  
817 deposited in the state-wide tourism marketing account, established  
818 pursuant to section 10-395a; (2) fifteen per cent of the gross gaming  
819 revenue from the operation of authorized games, except video  
820 facsimile games, which shall be deposited in the General Fund; and (3)  
821 twenty-five per cent of the gross gaming revenue from the operation of  
822 video facsimile games, which shall be deposited as follows: (A) [Seven  
823 million five hundred thousand] Nine million dollars annually in the  
824 municipal gaming account, established pursuant to section 12-578h, as  
825 amended by this act, and (B) any remaining amounts in the General

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827 Sec. 25. Section 12-578h of the general statutes, as amended by  
828 section 71 of public act 19-117, is repealed and the following is  
829 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

830 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal  
831 gaming account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within  
832 the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established by section 3-  
833 55i. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
834 deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by  
835 the Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of providing  
836 annual grants pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

837 (b) On and after the date the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
838 Management finds that a minimum of [seven million five hundred  
839 thousand] nine million dollars has been deposited in the municipal  
840 gaming account pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-578g, as  
841 amended by this act, the Office of Policy and Management shall  
842 provide an annual grant of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars to  
843 each of the following municipalities: Bridgeport, East Hartford,  
844 Ellington, Enfield, Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk, South Windsor,  
845 Waterbury, West Hartford, Windsor and Windsor Locks. The amount  
846 of the grant payable to each municipality during any fiscal year shall  
847 be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the  
848 amount of funds available for such year.

849 Sec. 26. Section 17a-713 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
850 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

851 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall  
852 establish a program for the treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive  
853 gamblers in the state. The program shall provide prevention, treatment  
854 and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. The department may  
855 enter into agreements with subregional planning and action councils  
856 and nonprofit organizations to assist in providing these services,

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857 provided not less than twenty-five per cent of the amount received  
858 pursuant to section 12-818 annually shall be set aside for contracts with  
859 subregional planning and action councils established pursuant to  
860 section 17a-671 and nonprofit organizations and not less than five per  
861 cent of the amount received pursuant to section 12-818 annually shall  
862 be set aside for a contract with the Connecticut Council on Problem  
863 Gambling. The department may impose a reasonable fee, on a sliding  
864 scale, on those participants who can afford to pay for any such  
865 services. The department shall implement such program when the  
866 account established under subsection (b) of this section is sufficient to  
867 meet initial operating expenses. As used in this section, "chronic  
868 gambler" means a person who is chronically and progressively  
869 preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble, and with  
870 gambling behavior that compromises, disrupts or damages personal,  
871 family or vocational pursuits.

872 (b) The program established by subsection (a) of this section shall be  
873 funded by: [imposition of: (1) A] (1) Imposition of a fee of one hundred  
874 thirty-five dollars on each association license, for each performance of  
875 jai alai or dog racing conducted under the provisions of chapter 226,  
876 provided no such licensee shall contribute more than forty-five  
877 thousand dollars in any one year; (2) imposition of a fee of twenty-five  
878 dollars for each teletheater performance on each operator of a  
879 teletheater facility; [and] (3) the amount received from the Connecticut  
880 Lottery Corporation pursuant to section 12-818; and (4) the amount  
881 received from MMCT Venture, LLC, pursuant to section 12-578g, as  
882 amended by this act. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall  
883 collect the fee from each association licensee or such operator on a  
884 monthly basis. The receipts shall be deposited in the General Fund and  
885 credited to a separate, nonlapsing chronic gamblers treatment and  
886 rehabilitation account which shall be established by the Comptroller.  
887 All moneys in the account are deemed to be appropriated and shall be  
888 expended for the purposes established in subsection (a) of this section.

889 (c) The department shall adopt regulations in accordance with the

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890 provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.

891 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
892 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
893 *1, 2019*):

894 (a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in  
895 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of  
896 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel  
897 permits, restaurant permits, cafe permits, restaurant permits for  
898 catering establishments, bowling establishment permits, racquetball  
899 facility permits, club permits, coliseum permits, coliseum concession  
900 permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting  
901 facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest  
902 permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting  
903 facility bar permits, golf country club permits, nonprofit public  
904 museum permits, university permits, airport restaurant permits,  
905 airport bar permits, airport airline club permits, tavern permits, a  
906 manufacturer permit for a brew pub, manufacturer permits for beer  
907 and brew pubs, [casino permits,] caterer liquor permits and charitable  
908 organization permits shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday,  
909 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock  
910 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two  
911 o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of  
912 two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except [(A)] for  
913 alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the  
914 hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which  
915 Christmas falls; [, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in  
916 section 30-37k;] and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock  
917 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January  
918 first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three  
919 o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

920 Sec. 28. Subsection (m) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
921 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

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922 1, 2019):

923 (m) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,  
924 it shall be lawful for casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section  
925 30-37k, to allow the sale, dispensing, consumption or presence in  
926 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of  
927 alcoholic liquor by an individual, except (1) such alcoholic liquor shall  
928 not be served to a patron of such casino during (A) Monday, Tuesday,  
929 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between the hours of four  
930 o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; and (B) Sunday between the hours  
931 of four o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; and (2) such permittee may  
932 allow the presence of alcoholic liquor in glasses or other receptacles  
933 suitable to permit the consumption thereof by an individual at any  
934 time on its gaming facility, as defined in subsection (a) of section 30-  
935 37k. [, provided such alcoholic liquor shall not be served to a patron of  
936 such casino during the hours specified in subsection (a) of this section.]  
937 For purposes of this section, "receptacles suitable to permit the  
938 consumption of alcoholic liquor" shall not include bottles of distilled  
939 spirits or bottles of wine.

940 Sec. 29. Section 52-553 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
941 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

942 All wagers, and all contracts and securities of which the whole or  
943 any part of the consideration is money or other valuable thing won,  
944 laid or bet, at any game, horse race, sport or pastime, and all contracts  
945 to repay any money knowingly lent at the time and place of such  
946 game, race, sport or pastime, to any person so gaming, betting or  
947 wagering, or to repay any money lent to any person who, at such time  
948 and place, so pays, bets or wagers, shall be void, provided nothing in  
949 this section shall (1) affect the validity of any negotiable instrument  
950 held by any person who acquired the same for value and in good faith  
951 without notice of illegality in the consideration, (2) apply to the sale of  
952 a raffle ticket pursuant to section 7-172, (3) apply to sports wagering,  
953 and online casino gaming, as each is defined in section 1 of this act,

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954 conducted pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, as  
955 applicable, (4) apply to the participation in the program established by  
956 the Connecticut Lottery Corporation pursuant to section 15 of this act,  
957 or [(3)] (5) apply to any wager or contract otherwise authorized by law.

958       Sec. 30. Section 52-554 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
959 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

960       Any person who, by playing at any game, or betting on the sides or  
961 hands of such as play at any game, excluding any game permitted  
962 under chapter 226 or any activity not prohibited under the provisions  
963 of sections 53-278a to 53-278g, inclusive, as amended by this act, loses  
964 the sum or value of one dollar in the whole and pays or delivers the  
965 same or any part thereof, may, within three months next following,  
966 recover from the winner the money or the value of the goods so lost  
967 and paid or delivered, with costs of suit in a civil action, without  
968 setting forth the special matter in his complaint. If the defendant  
969 refuses to testify, if called upon in such action, relative to the discovery  
970 of the property so won, [he] the defendant shall be defaulted; but no  
971 evidence so given by [him] the defendant shall be offered against him  
972 or her in any criminal prosecution. Nothing in this section shall  
973 prohibit any person from using a credit card to participate in (1) sports  
974 wagering or online casino gaming, as each is defined in section 1 of  
975 this act, conducted pursuant to sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, as  
976 applicable, or (2) the program established by the Connecticut Lottery  
977 Corporation pursuant to section 15 of this act.

978       Sec. 31. Subdivision (2) of section 53-278a of the general statutes is  
979 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
980 *1, 2019*):

981       (2) "Gambling" means risking any money, credit, deposit or other  
982 thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, chance  
983 or the operation of a gambling device, including the playing of a casino  
984 gambling game such as blackjack, poker, craps, roulette or a slot



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985 machine, but does not include: Legal contests of skill, speed, strength  
986 or endurance in which awards are made only to entrants or the owners  
987 of entries; legal business transactions which are valid under the law of  
988 contracts; activity legal under the provisions of sections 7-169 to 7-186,  
989 inclusive; any lottery or contest conducted by or under the authority of  
990 any state of the United States, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or any  
991 possession or territory of the United States; and other acts or  
992 transactions expressly authorized by law on or after October 1, 1973.  
993 Fantasy contests, as defined in section 12-578aa, shall not be  
994 considered gambling, provided the conditions set forth in subsection  
995 (b) of section 12-578aa have been met and the operator of such contests  
996 is registered pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 12-  
997 578aa. Sports wagering and online casino gaming, as both terms are  
998 defined in section 1 of this act, shall not be considered gambling if the  
999 sports wagering or online casino gaming is conducted pursuant to  
1000 sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act;

1001 Sec. 32. Subdivision (4) of section 53-278a of the general statutes is  
1002 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1003 *1, 2019*):

1004 (4) "Gambling device" means any device or mechanism by the  
1005 operation of which a right to money, credits, deposits or other things  
1006 of value may be created, as the result of the operation of an element of  
1007 chance; any device or mechanism which, when operated for a  
1008 consideration, does not return the same value or thing of value for the  
1009 same consideration upon each operation thereof; any device,  
1010 mechanism, furniture or fixture designed primarily for use in  
1011 connection with professional gambling; and any subassembly or  
1012 essential part designed or intended for use in connection with any  
1013 such device, mechanism, furniture, fixture, construction or installation,  
1014 provided an immediate and unrecorded right of replay mechanically  
1015 conferred on players of pinball machines and similar amusement  
1016 devices shall be presumed to be without value. "Gambling device"  
1017 does not include a crane game machine or device or a redemption

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1018 machine. A device or equipment used to play fantasy contests, as  
1019 defined in section 12-578aa, shall not be considered a gambling device,  
1020 provided the conditions set forth in subsection (b) of section 12-578aa  
1021 have been met. A device or equipment used to participate in sports  
1022 wagering or online casino gaming, as both terms are defined in section  
1023 1 of this act, shall not be considered a gambling device if the conditions  
1024 set forth in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, as applicable, have  
1025 been met;

1026 Sec. 33. Section 53-278g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1027 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

1028 (a) Nothing in sections 53-278a to 53-278f, inclusive, as amended by  
1029 this act, shall be construed to prohibit the publication of an  
1030 advertisement of, or the operation of, or participation in, a state lottery,  
1031 pari-mutuel betting at race tracks licensed by the state, off-track betting  
1032 conducted by the state or a licensee authorized to operate the off-track  
1033 betting system, authorized games at a casino gaming facility, sports  
1034 wagering and online casino gaming, as authorized by sections 2 to 7,  
1035 inclusive, of this act, a promotional drawing for a prize or prizes,  
1036 conducted for advertising purposes by any person, firm or corporation  
1037 other than a retail grocer or retail grocery chain, wherein members of  
1038 the general public may participate without making any purchase or  
1039 otherwise paying or risking credit, money, or any other tangible thing  
1040 of value or a sweepstakes conducted pursuant to sections 42-295 to 42-  
1041 301, inclusive.

1042 (b) The Mashantucket Pequot [tribe] Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe  
1043 of Indians of Connecticut, or their agents, may use and possess at any  
1044 location within the state, solely for the purpose of training individuals  
1045 in skills required for employment by the tribe or testing a gambling  
1046 device, any gambling device which the tribes are authorized to utilize  
1047 on their reservations pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming  
1048 Regulatory Act; provided no money or other thing of value shall be  
1049 paid to any person as a result of the operation of such gambling device

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1050 in the course of such training or testing at locations outside of the  
1051 reservation of the tribe. Any person receiving such training or testing  
1052 such device may use any such device in the course of such training or  
1053 testing. Whenever either of said tribes intends to use and possess at  
1054 any location within the state any such gambling device for the purpose  
1055 of testing such device, the tribe shall give prior notice of such testing to  
1056 the Department of Consumer Protection.

1057 (c) Any casino gaming facility or entertainment zone facility, or its  
1058 agents, may use and possess at any location within the state, solely for  
1059 the purpose of training individuals in skills required for employment  
1060 by the casino gaming facility or entertainment zone facility or testing a  
1061 gambling device, any gambling device which the casino gaming  
1062 facility or entertainment zone facility may use for conducting  
1063 authorized games at the casino gaming facility or entertainment zone  
1064 facility, provided no money or other thing of value shall be paid to any  
1065 person as a result of the operation of such gambling device in the  
1066 course of such training or testing at locations outside of the casino  
1067 gaming facility or entertainment zone facility. Any person receiving  
1068 such training or testing such device may use any such device in the  
1069 course of such training or testing. Whenever a casino gaming facility or  
1070 entertainment zone facility intends to use and possess at any location  
1071 within the state any such gambling device for the purpose of testing  
1072 such device, the casino gambling facility or entertainment zone facility  
1073 shall give prior notice of such testing to the Department of Consumer  
1074 Protection.

1075 Sec. 34. Sections 12-565a and 12-578j of the general statutes are  
1076 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

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Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	12-578f
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-806c
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	12-806(b)(4)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	12-810
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-557b
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-561
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-562
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-563a
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-577
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-578e(c)(1)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-578g(c)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	12-578h
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	17a-713
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	30-91(a)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	30-91(m)
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	52-553
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	52-554
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	53-278a(2)
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	53-278a(4)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	53-278g
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section