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Raised Bill No. 268

LCO No. 1673



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

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

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-569 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

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

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

16 1, 2020, and whose delinquency amount was subject to compounding
17 interest on June 30, 2020, may apply to the commissioner on or after July
18 1, 2020, for a hardship waiver to reduce the amount of interest
19 delinquent, outstanding and payable to an amount based on simple
20 interest.

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2020	12-569
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) specify that simple interest is charged on delinquency assessments of lottery sales agents, and (2) allow an agent whose delinquency assessment remains due and was subject to compounding interest to request a hardship waiver from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to recalculate the interest owed.

[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.]