



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1014**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR COMPULSIVE GAMBLING  
TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-713 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall  
4 establish a program for the treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive  
5 gamblers in the state. The program shall provide prevention, treatment  
6 and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. The department may  
7 enter into agreements with subregional planning and action councils  
8 and nonprofit organizations to assist in providing these services,  
9 provided not less than twenty-five per cent of the amount received  
10 pursuant to section 12-818 annually shall be set aside for contracts with  
11 subregional planning and action councils established pursuant to  
12 section 17a-671 and nonprofit organizations and not less than five per  
13 cent of the amount received pursuant to section 12-818 annually shall  
14 be set aside for a contract with the Connecticut Council on Problem  
15 Gambling. The department may impose a reasonable fee, on a sliding  
16 scale, on those participants who can afford to pay for any such  
17 services. The department shall implement such program when the  
18 account established under subsection (b) of this section is sufficient to  
19 meet initial operating expenses. As used in this section, "chronic

20 gambler" means a person who is chronically and progressively  
21 preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble, and with  
22 gambling behavior that compromises, disrupts or damages personal,  
23 family or vocational pursuits.

24 (b) The program established by subsection (a) of this section shall be  
25 funded by: [imposition of:] (1) [A] Imposition of a fee of one hundred  
26 thirty-five dollars on each association license, for each performance of  
27 jai alai or dog racing conducted under the provisions of chapter 226,  
28 provided no such licensee shall contribute more than forty-five  
29 thousand dollars in any one year; (2) imposition of a fee of twenty-five  
30 dollars for each teletheater performance on each operator of a  
31 teletheater facility; [and] (3) the amount received from the Connecticut  
32 Lottery Corporation pursuant to section 12-818; and (4) a transfer of  
33 two per cent of the revenue the state obtains from any forms of gaming  
34 newly enacted or authorized in this state on or after January 1, 2019.  
35 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall collect the fee from  
36 each association licensee or such operator on a monthly basis. The  
37 receipts shall be deposited in the General Fund and credited to a  
38 separate, nonlapsing chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation  
39 account which shall be established by the Comptroller. All moneys in  
40 the account are deemed to be appropriated and shall be expended for  
41 the purposes established in subsection (a) of this section.

42 (c) The department shall adopt regulations in accordance with the  
43 provisions of 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	<i>from passage</i>	17a-713

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*