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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SPORTS WAGERING.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Electronic wagering platform" means the combination of  
4 hardware, software and data networks used to manage, administer,  
5 offer or control online sports wagering, including through an Internet  
6 web site or a mobile device application;

7 (2) "Sporting event" means (A) any sporting or athletic event at which  
8 two or more persons participate and receive compensation in excess of  
9 actual expenses for such participation in such sporting or athletic event,  
10 or (B) any sporting or athletic event sponsored by an intercollegiate  
11 athletic program of an institution of higher education. "Sporting event"  
12 does not include horse racing, e-sports or any sporting or athletic event  
13 sponsored by a minor league or high school;

14 (3) "Sports governing body" means the organization that prescribes

15 final rules and enforces codes of conduct with respect to a sporting event  
16 and participants in the sporting event; and

17 (4) "Sports wagering" means risking or accepting any money, credit,  
18 deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in part  
19 on (A) a sporting event or a portion or portions of a sporting event, or  
20 (B) the individual performance statistics of an athlete or athletes in a  
21 sporting event or a combination of sporting events. "Sports wagering"  
22 does not include the payment of an entry fee to play fantasy contests, as  
23 defined in section 12-578aa of the general statutes;

24 (b) (1) No individual shall place a wager on a sporting event with an  
25 operator of sports wagering unless such individual is at least twenty-  
26 one years of age and is physically present in this state when placing such  
27 wager.

28 (2) No individual who is an operator of sports wagering or an  
29 electronic wagering platform or, an officer, a director, an owner or an  
30 employee of such an operator, and no family member of such individual  
31 who resides in the same household as such individual, shall place any  
32 wager on a sporting event with an operator of sports wagering.

33 (3) No athlete, coach or referee who takes part in a sporting event  
34 overseen by a sports governing body; employee of a sports governing  
35 body; owner or employee of a sports governing body's member teams;  
36 or personnel of any bargaining unit of a sports governing body's athletes  
37 or referees, shall place any wager on any sporting event overseen by  
38 such governing body. In determining which individuals are prohibited  
39 from placing a wager under this subdivision, an operator of sports  
40 wagering shall use publicly available information and any lists  
41 provided by the relevant sports governing body.

42 (4) No individual with access to nonpublic, confidential information  
43 that could affect the outcome of a sporting event shall place any wager  
44 on such sporting event with any operator of sports wagering.

45 (5) No individual shall place any sports wager as an agent or a proxy

46 for another individual.

47 (6) No operator of sports wagering may pay a prize to any individual  
48 who is prohibited from placing a wager pursuant to this subsection.

49 (c) Each operator of sports wagering shall:

50 (1) Verify that an individual placing a wager on a sporting event is  
51 not prohibited from doing so pursuant to subsection (b) of this section;

52 (2) Prohibit an individual from establishing more than one account  
53 and establish commercially and technologically reasonable measures to  
54 verify identity and ensure compliance with the provisions of this  
55 section;

56 (3) Allow an individual to withdraw funds from such individual's  
57 account, and, at the individual's request permanently close the account;

58 (4) Publish all contractual terms, conditions and rules applicable to  
59 sports wagering on such operator's Internet web site or mobile  
60 application, if conducting online sports wagering, and at any of such  
61 operator's facility conducting sports wagering in person;

62 (5) Develop and publish procedures allowing an individual to file a  
63 complaint with the operator in person, in writing, online or by other  
64 means about any aspect of the sports wagering conducted by such  
65 operator;

66 (6) If conducting online sports wagering, conspicuously display on  
67 such operator's sports wagering Internet web site or mobile application:

68 (A) A link to the protections afforded individuals by the provisions  
69 of this section;

70 (B) A link to responsible gaming information;

71 (C) A toll-free telephone number an individual may use to obtain  
72 information about problem gaming;

73 (D) A link to information about the self-exclusion process described  
74 in subsection (f) of this section;

75 (E) A clear display of the amount of time an individual has spent on  
76 the operator's Internet web site or mobile application;

77 (F) A means to initiate a break in play to discourage excessive play;  
78 and

79 (G) A clear display of the amount of money available in the account  
80 of the individual who is placing wagers.

81 (d) Each operator of sports wagering shall maintain the security of  
82 wagering data, data concerning individuals placing wagers on sporting  
83 events and other confidential information to prevent unauthorized  
84 access to and dissemination of such data and information. An operator  
85 of sports wagering shall not disclose or sell any information from an  
86 individual placing wagers on sporting events with such operator, and  
87 shall not disclose records that directly or indirectly identify such an  
88 individual or such individual's gaming habits, except that such operator  
89 shall share records in real time, at the account level and in  
90 pseudonymous form, with the Department of Consumer Protection  
91 with respect to wagers on sporting events placed with such operator.

92 (e) Each operator of sports wagering shall develop and publish a  
93 policy on responsible gaming, which shall, at a minimum, require the  
94 operator to:

95 (1) Track its sports wagering activity in a manner that allows it to  
96 identify individuals placing sports wagers who have, or may be at risk  
97 of having, problems with gaming;

98 (2) Provide training to employees to allow them to identify  
99 individuals placing sports wagers who have, or may be at risk of having,  
100 problems with gaming; and

101 (3) Provide guidelines on how employees can respond appropriately  
102 to (A) an individual who is in crisis or distress due to problem gaming,

103 (B) an individual who discloses the he or she may have a problem with  
104 gaming, and (C) a person who shares information about an individual  
105 who may have a problem with a gaming.

106 (f) (1) Each operator of sports wagering shall allow any individual to  
107 exclude himself or herself from placing a sports wager or limit the  
108 amount of money such individual may use to place sports wagers with  
109 such operator, and, on and after the date the operator is notified by such  
110 individual of such exclusion or limit, shall take reasonable steps to  
111 prevent such individual from placing sports wagers or exceeding such  
112 limit, as the case may be. During the time period applicable to any such  
113 exclusion from placing a sports wager or limit on the amount of money  
114 an individual may use to place sports wagers with an operator of sports  
115 wagering, such operator may, at the request of the individual, extend  
116 the time period of such exclusion or limit, or decrease the amount of  
117 such limit, but such operator may not reduce the time period of such  
118 exclusion or limit or increase the amount of such limit.

119 (2) Each operator of sports wagering shall publish information on the  
120 provisions of this subsection and how an individual may exclude  
121 himself or herself from placing a sports wager or limit the amount of  
122 money such individual may use to place sports wagers with such  
123 operator. The operator shall conspicuously display such information (A)  
124 at any facility where such operator conducts sports wagering in person,  
125 and (B) on the operator's sports wagering Internet web site or mobile  
126 application, if the operator conducts online sports wagering.

127 (g) No operator of sports wagering may, as a condition of placing a  
128 wager with such operator, require any individual to waive any  
129 provision of this section or the right to pursue legal action or file a  
130 complaint with the Department of Consumer Protection.

131 (h) No advertisement of sports wagering may: (1) Depict an  
132 individual under twenty-one years of age, unless such individual is a  
133 professional athlete; (2) be aimed exclusively or primarily at individuals  
134 under twenty-one years of age; (3) use characteristics of individuals who

135 have, or are at risk of having, a problem with gambling; or (4)  
136 misrepresent the chances of winning or be misleading about the  
137 outcomes of sports wagering. Each advertisement of sports wagering  
138 shall include information concerning assistance that is available for  
139 individuals who have, or are at risk of having, problems with gaming.

140 (i) Each operator of sports wagering shall take reasonable steps to  
141 prevent the conduct prohibited under this section and to comply with  
142 any regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (k) of this section.

143 (j) (1) Each operator of sports wagering shall immediately report to  
144 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection any information relating to  
145 (A) criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against such  
146 operator or an employee of such operator in connection with its  
147 operations, (B) abnormal wagering activity or patterns that the operator  
148 believes may indicate a concern with the integrity of a sporting event,  
149 (C) any potential breach of the relevant sports governing body's internal  
150 rules or codes of conduct pertaining to sports wagering, (D) any other  
151 conduct that corrupts the wagering outcome of a sporting event for  
152 purposes of financial gain, including match-fixing, and (E) suspicious or  
153 illegal wagering activities, including the use of funds derived from  
154 illegal activity to place a wager, the placing of a wager to conceal funds  
155 derived from illegal activity, the use of an agent or a proxy to place a  
156 wager or the use of false identification to place a wager.

157 (2) Such operator shall also immediately report to the relevant sports  
158 governing body any information relating to conduct described under  
159 subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

160 (k) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt  
161 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
162 general statutes to implement the provisions of this section and as  
163 necessary to protect the public interest in the integrity of sports  
164 wagering and reduce the dangers of unsuitable, unfair or illegal  
165 practices, methods and activities in the conduct of sports wagering.  
166 Such regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, provisions

167 regarding: (1) The types of sporting events upon which sports wagers  
168 may be placed or accepted; (2) the minimum amount of cash reserves to  
169 be maintained by operators of sports wagering; (3) the acceptance of  
170 wagers on a series of sporting events; (4) the maximum wagers which  
171 may be accepted by an operator of sports wagering from any one  
172 individual on any one sporting event; (5) the type of wagering tickets  
173 which shall be used; (6) the method of issuing tickets; (7) minimum  
174 accounting standards for an operator of sports wagering; (8) the types  
175 of records which shall be maintained by an operator of sports wagering  
176 and available for inspection upon the request of the commissioner; (9)  
177 requirements for information and reports from an operator of sports  
178 wagering to enable effective auditing of such an operator; (10)  
179 requirements for establishing and funding a sports wagering account;  
180 (11) minimum qualifications for a provider of sporting events data; (12)  
181 minimum requirements to ensure the security and integrity of an  
182 electronic wagering platform and collection of information and reports  
183 to enable effective oversight; (13) requirements for any advertisement  
184 for sports betting to ensure such advertisement (A) does not target  
185 minors, problem gamblers or other vulnerable individuals, (B) includes  
186 information about gambling addiction or Internet web site links to  
187 resources related to gambling addiction, and (C) is not false, misleading  
188 or deceptive to a reasonable consumer.

189 (l) The provisions of this section shall not be effective until (1) an  
190 authorization to operate sports wagering outside of Indian lands, as  
191 defined in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2703(4), is  
192 effective pursuant to any provision of the general statutes or a public or  
193 special act, and (2) the regulations required by subsection (k) of this  
194 section are effective.

195 Sec. 2. Section 12-565a of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
196 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide certain protections to consumers who engage in sports wagering, if such wagering is authorized.

*[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.]*