

PA 11-013

HB6270

House	1105-1108	4
Public Safety	82-84	3
Senate	1724, 1727-1729	4
		<hr/>
		11

H – 1095

**CONNECTICUT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE**

**PROCEEDINGS
2011**

**VOL.54
PART 4
1040 – 1385**

rgd/md/gbr
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

48
April 27, 2011

Those voting Yea	122
Those voting Nay	22
Those absent and not voting	7

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 344.

THE CLERK:

On page 27, Calendar 344,, House Bill Number 6270,
AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES
AND LOTTERY WINNINGS, favorable report by the Committee
on Finance.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative David Kiner, you have the floor,
sir.

REP. KINER (59th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move for acceptance of the Joint
Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is an acceptance of the Joint
Committée's favorable report and passage of the bill.
Will you remark?

REP. KINER (59th):

Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the bill before us is a natural extension of a current state statute that requires the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to check winning tickets valued at \$5,000 or more against a list of individuals delinquent on child support payments.

Similarly, this Bill 6270, which passed unanimously through Finance and Public Safety, would require the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to check winning tickets valued at \$5,000 or more against a list of delinquent taxpayers provided by the Department of Revenue Services, which should result in state revenue gain.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on passage. Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further?

Representative Giegler.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I too rise in support of the bill before us. The 2004 program that was implemented for child -- delinquent child support netted the State about \$1.5 million. So this bill before us includes, not only taxes, but penalties owed -- owed and interest

rgd/md/gbr
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

50
April 27, 2011

payments. So it's a good bill and we ought to pass it.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative.

Would you care to remark further? Would you care to remark further? If not, staff and guests come to the well of the House. Members take their seats. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. Members to the chamber. The House is taking a roll call vote. Members to the chamber, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted? Please check the roll call board to make sure your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Representative Verrengia, for what reason do you stand?

REP. VERRENGIA (20th):

I'd like to cast my vote in the affirmative.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Verrengia in the affirmative.

Representative Walker.

rgd/md/gbr
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

51
April 27, 2011

REP. WALKER (93rd):

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to be registered in the affirmative, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Toni Walker in the affirmative.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

House Bill 6270.

Total Number voting 144

Necessary for adoption 73

Those voting Yea 144

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 7

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The bill is passed.

Representative Melissa Olson, you have the floor, madam.

REP. OLSON (46th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to be adding and removing some items to the consent calendar today. First I'd like to make a motion to remove Calendar Number 139 from the consent calendar.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

S - 616

**CONNECTICUT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE**

**PROCEEDINGS
2011**

**VOL. 54
PART 5
1390 - 1734**

djp/gbr
SENATE

33
May 12, 2011

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madame President.

Continuing, Calendar page 17, Calendar 418, House Bill 6276, move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madame President.

Calendar page 18, Calendar 424, House Bill 6270, Madame President move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madame President.

Moving to Calendar page 21, Calendar 453, House Bill 6279, Madame President move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madame President.

Madame President moving to Calendar page 28,

djp/gbr
SENATE

36
May 12, 2011

before doing that and before voting on that Consent Calendar, we have one additional item to add which is Calendar page 40, Calendar 327, House Bill 6330.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madame President. Now if the Clerk might call all of the items on the Consent Calendar before calling for a vote on that Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk will you please call the bills?

THE CLERK:

From Calendar page 1, Calendar 489, Senate Joint Resolution 47; Calendar page 8, Calendar 226 substitute for Senate Bill 1153; Calendar page 9, Calendar 233, substitute for Senate Bill 1064; Calendar page 9, Calendar 248, Senate Bill 1150; Calendar page 11, Calendar 301, substitute of Senate Bill 518; Calendar page 12, Calendar 332, House Bill 6444; Calendar page 15, Calendar 407, substitute of Senate Bill 1209; Calendar page 16, Calendar 411, House Bill 6370; Calendar page 17, Calendar 415, House Bill 6275; Calendar page 17, Calendar 418, House Bill 6276; Calendar page 18, Calendar 424, House Bill 6270;

djp/gbr
SENATE

37
May 12, 2011

Calendar page 21, Calendar 453, substitute for House Bill 6279; Calendar page 28, Calendar 49, substitute for Senate Bill 480; Calendar page 34, Calendar 173, Senate Bill 1047; Calendar page 36, Calendar 232, Senate Bill 835; Calendar page 37, Calendar 238, substitute for Senate Bill 1062; Calendar page 39, Calendar 302, Senate Bill 737; Calendar page 42, Calendar 384, substitute for Senate Bill 377.

That completes the items previously placed on the Consent Calendar.

Madame President, I am told that there is one more item to place. Page 40, Calendar 327. HB6330

And, one other correction, Madame President. On page 39, Calendar 302, that was voted on previously, SB737 so we take that off the Consent Calendar.

That should complete the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. At this time I would ask you to call for a roll call vote and I will open the machine.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is voting on the first Consent Calendar. Would all Senators please return to the Chamber? The Senate is voting on the first Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the

djp/gbr
SENATE

38
May 12, 2011

Chamber?

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted? Have all members voted?
If all members have voted the machine will be locked
and Mr. Clerk, will you tell the tally?

THE CLERK:

Madame President

Total Number voting 36

Necessary for adoption 19

Those voting Yea 36

Those voting Nay 0

Those absent and not voting 0

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar 1 has passed, is adopted.

The Senate will stand at ease for a moment,
please.

(Chamber at ease)

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madame President, if we might stand at ease for
just a moment.

**JOINT
STANDING
COMMITTEE
HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC
SAFETY AND
SECURITY**

**PART 1
1 - 318**

**2011
INDEX**

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Public Safety and Security Commission, State of Connecticut
Public Hearing – Tuesday February 8, 2011 February Session 2011
Senate Chair- Senator Joan Hartley
House Chair- Representative Stephen Dargan

I am submitting Public Testimony on behalf of H.B. 6270, An Act Concerning The Collection of Delinquent Taxes And Lottery Winnings.

My name is Anthony Martino. I am a Support Enforcement Officer with the Judicial Department at the Stamford Courthouse. Several years ago I made a suggestion to pursue balances owed by Child Support Obligor by intercepting lottery winnings. I proposed that idea to my State Representative John Wayne Fox (D-144) of Stamford. He drafted a bill that year that ultimately did not get heard. The next year we began again, and it gained momentum. I submitted public testimony at that time. Eventually, after what I think was the third attempt, the Department of Social Services joined in the effort. Ultimately, after several years, this bill was passed. It mandated that the Lottery Commission was to interface with the Department of Social Services. The intent being to check lottery winners against a database that included obligors with balances in their child support account.

While it is impossible to check all winners of any ticket, a policy was drafted to seek out those people with winnings of \$5000.00(five thousand) or more. The Lottery Commission will cash smaller winnings at any lottery dealer; and it will cash winning tickets ranging from \$600 to 4999 at one of three stations in the State. *However*, all winning tickets of \$5000 or more *must* be cashed at the Lottery Headquarters. These are the winners that are checked against a database of obligors owing child support.

Several years ago I contacted Representative Jim Shapiro(D-144), suggesting that the State of Connecticut could apply the same process to those owing delinquent taxes. The concept could be further extended to casino winnings. I believe that this same procedure of interfacing a database of tax delinquencies against holders of winning lottery tickets could be installed. While privacy issues would of course be considered, there could be some sort of mandated communication between the agencies that would allow interception of proceeds to be applied to the tax delinquencies that may exist for that particular winner.

So far the lottery intercept program has been very successful in the child support division. All intercepted obligors are given the opportunity to have a Fair Hearing. In fact, many have been pleased to finally clear a balance.

I am not certain of the total amount collected over these past several years, but at the outset, my contact at the Department of Social Services told me that it had collected \$600,000(six hundred thousand) during the first 4 months of the program.

I feel this would be a winner for the State of Connecticut, and its residents. The State would only be collecting what it is fairly due, delinquent taxes. It would be hard to argue with that, especially during these tough financial times.

I look forward to being of any assistance that I can in furthering this bill. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Anthony Martino
Stamford, CT



State of Connecticut
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 STATE CAPITOL
 HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

REPRESENTATIVE GERALD M. FOX, III
 146TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
 ROOM 2502
 HARTFORD, CT 06106-1591

HOME: 203-921-1288
 CAPITOL: 860-240-8585
 TOLL FREE: 800-842-8267
 FAX: 860-240-0206
 E-MAIL: Gerald.Fox@cga.ct.gov

CHAIRMAN
 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MEMBER
 GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
 COMMITTEE
 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*Testimony of Representative Gerald Fox, III of Stamford
 Before the Public Safety and Security Committee on House Bill 6270,
 An Act Concerning the Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Lottery Winnings.*

Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. I would like to thank the committee for raising HB 6270, AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND LOTTERY WINNINGS.

In 2006, the Connecticut General Assembly and the Governor enacted PA 06-149. This law allowed the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to check the Child Support database from the Department of Social Services, and use lottery proceeds to satisfy any child support obligations. This program has been extremely successful, netting millions of dollars for the children in need.

The proposal before you applies a similar process to those owing delinquent income taxes. The bill, if enacted, would provide that the Connecticut Lottery Corporation check a tax delinquency database compiled by the Department of Revenue Services prior to paying winnings and satisfy any owed taxes out of such lottery winnings. It is a small bill, but it makes sense on several levels.

First, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation is a quasi-public agency that owes a duty to the general public. Second, each taxpayer has a duty to every other taxpayer to pay his or her fair share, so that the burden does not fall too heavily on others. When you put the two together it makes perfect sense that someone who owes taxes to the State should pay such taxes if they are lucky enough to win in a lottery.

The state faces unprecedented fiscal challenges and I anticipate that many good programs and services will be cut in the next biennial budget. This simple bill will not only raise some revenue for the state, but will also go a long way to ensure the confidence and the fairness of our tax system.

I look forward to working with the committee, the Department of Revenue and Services and the Connecticut Lottery Corporation on this proposal, and ask for your favorable report.



To: Representative Steve Dargan, Chair, Public Safety Committee
Senator Joan Hartley, Chair, Public Safety Committee
Representative Jan Giegler, Ranking Member, Public Safety Committee
Senator Tony Guglielmo, Ranking Member, Public Safety Committee
& other distinguished members of the Public Safety Committee

From: Anne Noble, President and CEO, Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC)
860-240-2816, anne.noble@ctlottery.org

Re: HB 6270: AAC the Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Lottery Winnings

Date: February 3, 2011

HB 6270 would require the CT Lottery Corporation to check winning tickets valued at \$5000 or more against a list of delinquent taxpayers provided by the Department of Revenue Services. The CT Lottery Corporation does not have any significant concerns with this bill, and we believe the following background information might be helpful.

C.G.S. §52-362d(c) currently requires the CT Lottery Corporation to check winning tickets valued at \$5000 or more against a list of individuals delinquent on child support payments provided by the Department of Social Services. This program began in February 17, 2004 and has since resulted in approximately \$1.5 million collected in back child support campaigns. To some degree, HB 6270 is a natural extension C.G.S. §52-362d(c).

Last year, an identical bill to HB 6270 was proposed (SB 196). The fiscal note on SB 196 indicates: "The state will experience a revenue gain to the degree the bill results in an increase in delinquent tax payments. The bill is also expected to result in some minimal costs to the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) to establish an off-set program with the Connecticut Lottery Corporation." We want to note that there would also be some minimal cost to the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, particularly in our claims, finance and security departments, in order to implement and oversee the program. We believe we can absorb these costs within existing resources.

Thank you for your time and attention to this proposal and please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.