

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

VIA: eRegulations system Legislative Regulation Review Committee Attn: Kirstin L. Breiner, Administrator Room 011, State Capitol Hartford, CT 06106 August 16, 2021

RE: <u>Emergency regulation regarding online casino gaming, retail and online sports wagering, fantasy</u> contests, keno and online sale of lottery tickets

Dear Senator Maroney, Representative Klarides-Ditria, and Committee Members:

In accordance with section 4-168(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes and section 16 of Public Act 21-23, the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection hereby electronically submits to the Committee our above-referenced emergency regulation bearing the approval of the Governor as to emergency status issued on Monday, August 16, 2021. This submission to your Committee has been prepared in the format mandated by your Committee in rules issued on February 23, 2021.

The purpose of this regulation is to create a licensing structure and implement provisions for responsible gaming and data privacy protections in order to ensure consumer safety and gaming integrity for new gaming markets in our state.

This proposed emergency regulation and the Department's finding of necessity to proceed as an emergency regulation, together with the Governor's authorization for the Department to proceed with this emergency regulation, have been properly posted to the eRegulations system. The Department intends to follow the necessary procedures to render this emergency regulation a permanent regulation.

If you have any questions concerning this regulation, please do not hesitate to call the Department's Legislative Program Manager Leslie O'Brien at 860-713-6208. Thank you for your anticipated assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Seagull, Commissioner