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sSB-1295

AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND  
ONLINE SERVICES, PRODUCTS AND FEATURES.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 10466)

House Calendar No.: 686

Senate Calendar No.: 319

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

| Agency Affected                 | Fund-Effect                       | FY 26 \$         | FY 27 \$         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Resources of the General Fund   | GF - Revenue Impact               | See Below        | See Below        |
| Connecticut Lottery Corporation | Lottery Enterprise Fund - Savings | Less than 10,000 | Less than 10,000 |
| Consumer Protection, Dept.      | GF - See Below                    | See Below        | See Below        |

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill makes various changes to consumer protection statutes resulting in the following impact.

**Section 1** requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to develop and administer the Net Equality Program to provide affordable broadband Internet to eligible families receiving certain government assistance. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to administer the program.

**Section 2-3** exempts certain people or businesses from needing a vendor license resulting in a potential revenue loss to the state to the

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extent fewer vendor licenses are applied for. A vendor license has an application fee of \$250. This also allows lottery ticket delivery, which results in a potential revenue gain beginning in FY 26.

Section 2 exempts certain lottery employees from having to obtain an occupational license if they hold an active Class III or Class IV license, resulting a revenue loss to the state and a corresponding savings to the CLC of less than \$10,000 per year. This affects approximately 25 employees who are currently required to obtain both licenses.

Section 2 allows the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to issue a civil penalty up to \$2,500 and a fine of up to \$4,000 for violations by certain Connecticut Lottery Corporation licensees resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent violations occur.

**Section 4-22** change various data privacy and consumer protection statutes resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

**Section 23 and 26** repeal various section from SB 514 as amended by Senate "A" and SB 1357 as amended by Senate "A" and do not alter the fiscal impacts of the underlying bills.

**Section 24** repeals sections 4 and 6 of SB 1235 as amended by Senate "A" and eliminates the revenue impacts regarding certain lottery licenses from the bill.

**Section 25** repeals sections 1 to 17 of SB 1356 as amended by Senate "A" which eliminates the costs and revenue gain associated with licensing and regulating data brokers.

Senate "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of licenses applied for, number of violations, and inflation.

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