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An Act To Legalize Sports Betting and Strengthen Public Education

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: CARDONE of Bangor.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§5**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 475, Pt.
3 A, §11, is amended to read:

4 **5. Additional duties of the director.** The director also serves as the director of the
5 Gambling Control Unit, established as a bureau within the Department of Public Safety
6 under Title 25, section 2902, subsection 12. As director of the unit, the director shall
7 administer and enforce the laws governing fantasy contests under chapter 33, sports
8 wagering under chapter 35 and beano and games of chance under Title 17, chapters 13-A
9 and 62, respectively.

10 **Sec. 3. 8 MRSA c. 35** is enacted to read:

11 **CHAPTER 35**

12 **REGULATION OF SPORTS WAGERING**

13 **§1201. Authorization of sports wagering; license required**

14 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the operation of sports wagering
15 and ancillary activities are lawful when conducted in accordance with the provisions of this
16 chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.

17 A person or entity may not engage in any activities in this State that require a license
18 under this chapter unless all necessary licenses have been obtained in accordance with this
19 chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

20 **§1202. Definitions**

21 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
22 have the following meanings.

23 **1. Adjusted gross sports wagering receipts.** "Adjusted gross sports wagering
24 receipts" means an operator's gross receipts from sports wagering less the total of all
25 winnings paid to patrons, which includes the cash equivalent of any merchandise or thing
26 of value awarded as a prize, and less excise tax payments remitted to the Federal
27 Government.

28 **2. Collegiate sports or athletic event.** "Collegiate sports or athletic event" means a
29 sports or athletic event offered or sponsored by, or played in connection with, a public or
30 private institution that offers postsecondary educational services.

31 **3. Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Safety.

32 **4. Department.** "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

33 **5. Director.** "Director" means the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the
34 department.

35 **6. Facility operator.** "Facility operator" means a facility sports wagering licensee
36 under subsection 7, paragraph A.

37 **7. License.** "License" means any license applied for or issued by the director under
38 this chapter, including, but not limited to:

1 A. A facility sports wagering license under section 1206 to conduct sports wagering
2 in which wagers are placed within a physical location in this State;

3 B. A mobile sports wagering license under section 1207 to permit a mobile operator
4 to operate sports wagering through an approved mobile application or other digital
5 platform that involves, at least in part, the use of the Internet;

6 C. A supplier license under section 1208 to sell goods and services to be used in
7 connection with sports wagering, but not to directly accept wagers;

8 D. A management services license under section 1209 to manage sports wagering on
9 behalf of a facility sports wagering licensee or a mobile sports wagering licensee; and

10 E. An occupational license under section 1210 to be employed by a facility sports
11 wagering licensee to operate sports wagering when the employee performs duties in
12 furtherance of or associated with the operation of sports wagering.

13 **8. Mobile operator.** "Mobile operator" means a mobile sports wagering licensee
14 under subsection 7, paragraph B.

15 **9. Operator.** "Operator" includes a facility operator and a mobile operator.

16 **10. Professional sports or athletic event.** "Professional sports or athletic event"
17 means an event at which 2 or more persons participate in sports or athletic contests and
18 receive compensation in excess of actual expenses for their participation in the event.

19 **11. Prohibited sports event.** "Prohibited sports event" means a high school sports or
20 athletic event, any other event in which a majority of the participants are under 18 years of
21 age or a collegiate sports or athletic event in which any Maine collegiate sports team
22 participates, regardless of where the event takes place.

23 **12. Sports event.** "Sports event" means any professional sports or athletic event,
24 collegiate sports or athletic event or amateur sports or athletic event, including but not
25 limited to an Olympic or international sports or athletic event, a motor vehicle race or an
26 electronic sports event, commonly referred to as "e-sports."

27 **13. Sports wagering.** "Sports wagering" means the business of accepting wagers on
28 sports events or portions of sports events, the individual performance statistics of athletes
29 in a sports event or a combination of any of the same by any system or method of wagering
30 approved by the director, including, but not limited to, in person on the property of a facility
31 licensee or via a mobile sports wagering licensee's mobile applications and digital
32 platforms that use communications technology to accept wagers. "Sports wagering" does
33 not include the sale of pari-mutuel pools authorized under chapter 11 or the operation of
34 fantasy contests as defined in section 1101, subsection 4.

35 **14. Wager.** "Wager" means a sum of money or thing of value risked on an uncertain
36 occurrence.

37 **§1203. Powers and duties of director**

38 **1. Powers and duties.** In administering and enforcing this chapter, the director:

39 A. Has the power to regulate the conduct of sports wagering;

40 B. Shall determine the eligibility of a person to hold or continue to hold a license, shall
41 issue all licenses and shall maintain a record of all licenses issued under this chapter;

1 C. Shall levy and collect all fees, civil penalties and tax on adjusted gross sports
2 wagering receipts imposed by this chapter, except as otherwise provided under this
3 chapter;

4 D. May sue to enforce any provision of this chapter or any rule of the director by civil
5 action or petition for injunctive relief;

6 E. May hold hearings, administer oaths and issue subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum
7 in the manner provided by applicable law; and

8 F. May exercise any other powers necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter
9 and the rules of the director.

10 **2. Rules.** The director shall adopt rules governing the conduct of sports wagering in
11 the State, which must, at a minimum, include the following:

12 A. Qualifications for obtaining a facility sports wagering license, supplier license,
13 management services license, mobile sports wagering license or occupational license,
14 including the procedure and qualifications for obtaining a waiver of the occupational
15 license requirement;

16 B. Qualifications for obtaining a temporary facility sports wagering license, temporary
17 supplier license, temporary management services license and temporary mobile sports
18 wagering license;

19 C. The methods of operation of sports wagering, including but not limited to the
20 permitted systems and methods of wagers; the use of credit and checks by persons
21 making wagers; the types of wagering receipts that may be used; the method of issuing
22 receipts; the prevention of sports wagering on prohibited sports events; the protection
23 of patrons placing wagers; and the promotion of social responsibility and responsible
24 gaming and display of information on resources for problem gambling at a facility
25 operator's premises or on any mobile application or digital platform used to place
26 wagers;

27 D. If the director determines that establishment of a maximum wager is necessary for
28 the protection of public safety, the maximum wager that may be accepted from any one
29 person on a single sports event;

30 E. Standards for the adoption of comprehensive house rules governing sports wagering
31 by operators and the approval of house rules by the director as required under section
32 1211;

33 F. Minimum design and security requirements for the physical premises of facility
34 operators in which sports wagering is conducted, including but not limited to minimum
35 requirements for the acceptance of wagers at a self-serve kiosk located on the premises
36 and minimum required methods for verifying the identity and age of a person who
37 places a wager with a facility operator, for verifying that the person making a wager is
38 not prohibited from a making a wager under section 1213 and for requiring the refund
39 of any wager determined to have been placed by a person prohibited from making a
40 wager under section 1213;

41 G. Minimum design and security requirements for mobile applications and digital
42 platforms for the acceptance of wagers by mobile operators, including required
43 methods for verifying the age and identity of a person who places a wager with a mobile

1 operator, for verifying that the person making the wager is physically located in the
2 State and is not prohibited from making a wager under section 1213 and for requiring
3 the refund of any wager determined to have been placed by a person prohibited from
4 making a wager under section 1213;

5 H. The types of interested parties, including sports team or league employees or
6 owners, from whom operators are prohibited from accepting wagers under section
7 1213, subsection 4;

8 I. Minimum design, security, testing and approval requirements for sports wagering
9 equipment, systems or services sold by suppliers licensed under section 1208;

10 J. Minimum requirements for a contract between a management services licensee
11 under section 1209 and an operator on whose behalf the management services licensee
12 conducts sports wagering, including but not limited to requirements that the person
13 providing management services is licensed prior to entering a contract and that the
14 contract be approved by the director prior to the conduct of sports wagering;

15 K. Establishment of a list of persons who are not authorized to place a wager on a
16 sports event, including but not limited to those persons who voluntarily request that
17 their names be included on the list of unauthorized persons. The rules adopted under
18 this paragraph must define the standards for involuntary placement on the list and for
19 removal from the list; and

20 L. Minimum internal control standards for operators, including but not limited to
21 procedures for safeguarding assets and revenues; the recording of cash and evidence
22 of indebtedness; the maintenance of reliable records, accounts and reports of
23 transactions, operations and events; required audits; and the content of and frequency
24 with which reports of sports wagering activities and revenues must be made to the
25 director.

26 **3. Rulemaking.** Rules adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter are routine
27 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

28 **§1204. Application; criminal history background check**

29 **1. Application.** An application for a license or for renewal of a license required under
30 this chapter must be submitted on the form provided by the director. An application
31 submitted to the director must, at a minimum, include the following:

32 A. The full name, current address and contact information of the applicant;

33 B. Disclosure of each person that has control of the applicant as described in subsection
34 2;

35 C. Consent to permit the director to conduct a criminal history record check in
36 accordance with subsection 3 of the applicant and each person disclosed under
37 paragraph B in accordance with procedures established by the director;

38 D. For the applicant and each person disclosed under paragraph B, a record of previous
39 issuances and denials of or any adverse action taken against a gambling-related license
40 or application under this Title or in any other jurisdiction. For purposes of this
41 paragraph, "adverse action" includes, but is not limited to, a condition resulting from
42 an administrative, civil or criminal violation, a suspension or revocation of a license or

1 a voluntary surrender of a license to avoid or resolve a civil, criminal or disciplinary
2 action; and

3 E. Any additional information required by the director by rule.

4 **2. Persons that have control.** The following persons are considered to have control
5 of an applicant or a licensee:

6 A. Each corporate holding company, parent company or subsidiary company of a
7 corporate applicant or licensee and each person that owns 10% or more of the corporate
8 applicant or licensee and that has the ability to control the activities of the corporate
9 applicant or licensee or elect a majority of the board of directors of that corporate
10 applicant or licensee, except for a bank or other licensed lending institution that holds
11 a mortgage or other lien acquired in the ordinary course of business;

12 B. Each person associated with a noncorporate applicant or licensee that directly or
13 indirectly holds a beneficial or proprietary interest in the noncorporate applicant's or
14 licensee's business operation or that the director otherwise determines has the ability to
15 control the noncorporate applicant or licensee; and

16 C. Key personnel of an applicant or licensee, including any executive, employee or
17 agent, having the power to exercise significant influence over decisions concerning any
18 part of the applicant's or licensee's relevant business operation.

19 **3. Criminal history record check.** The director shall request a criminal history record
20 check in accordance with this subsection for each applicant for initial licensure and each
21 person required to be disclosed by the applicant for initial licensure under subsection 1,
22 paragraph B. The director may require a criminal history record check in accordance with
23 this section from a licensee seeking to renew a license, from any person the licensee is
24 required to disclose under subsection 1, paragraph B as part of the license renewal
25 application and from any person identified by the licensee under subsection 4. A criminal
26 history record check conducted pursuant to this section must include criminal history
27 record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System
28 established in Title 16, section 631 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

29 A. Criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice
30 Information System pursuant to this subsection must include a record of public criminal
31 history record information as defined in Title 16, section 703, subsection 8.

32 B. Criminal history record information obtained from the Federal Bureau of
33 Investigation pursuant to this subsection must include other state and national criminal
34 history record information.

35 C. An individual required to submit to a criminal history record check under this
36 subsection shall submit to having the individual's fingerprints taken. The State Police,
37 upon payment by the individual of the fee required under paragraph D, shall take or
38 cause to be taken the individual's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the
39 Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, State Bureau of Identification.
40 The State Bureau of Identification shall conduct the state and national criminal history
41 record checks required under this subsection. Except for the portion of a payment, if
42 any, that constitutes the processing fee for a criminal history record check charged by
43 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received by the State Police under this
44 subsection must be paid to the Treasurer of State, who shall apply the money to the

1 expenses incurred by the Department of Public Safety in the administration of this
2 subsection.

3 D. The director shall by rule set the amount of the fee to be paid for each criminal
4 history record check required to be performed under this subsection.

5 E. The subject of a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record check may
6 obtain a copy of the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined
7 in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33. The subject of a state
8 criminal history record check may inspect and review the criminal history record
9 information pursuant to Title 16, section 709.

10 F. State and national criminal history record information obtained by the director under
11 this subsection may be used only for the purpose of screening an applicant for a license
12 or a license renewal under this chapter.

13 G. All criminal history record information obtained by the director pursuant to this
14 subsection is confidential, is for the official use of the director only and may not be
15 disseminated by the director or disclosed to any other person or entity except as
16 provided in paragraph E.

17 H. The director, after consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of
18 State Police, State Bureau of Identification, shall adopt rules to implement this
19 subsection.

20 **4. Material change to application.** A person licensed under this chapter shall give
21 the director written notice within 30 days of any material change to any information
22 provided in the licensee's application for a license or renewal, including any change in the
23 identity of persons considered to have control of the licensee as described in subsection 2.

24 **5. Gambling Control Unit employees prohibited.** An employee of the Gambling
25 Control Unit within the department may not be an applicant for a license issued under this
26 chapter.

27 **§1205. Denial of license; administrative sanctions**

28 **1. Grounds for denial of license or imposition of administrative sanctions.** The
29 following are grounds for the director to deny a license or license renewal or for the
30 imposition of administrative sanctions, in accordance with this section, on a person licensed
31 under this chapter:

32 A. If the applicant or licensee has knowingly made a false statement of material fact
33 to the director;

34 B. If the applicant or licensee has not disclosed the existence or identity of other
35 persons that have control of the applicant or licensee as required by section 1204,
36 subsections 1 and 4;

37 C. If the applicant or licensee has had a license revoked by any government authority
38 responsible for regulation of gaming activities;

39 D. If the applicant, the licensee or a person having control of the applicant or licensee
40 under section 1204, subsection 2 is not of good moral character. In determining whether
41 the applicant, licensee or person is of good moral character, the director shall consider
42 qualities that include but are not limited to honesty, candor, trustworthiness, diligence,

1 reliability, observance of fiduciary and financial responsibility and respect for the
2 rights of others;

3 E. If the applicant, the licensee or a person having control of the applicant or licensee
4 under section 1204, subsection 2:

5 (1) Has, in any jurisdiction, been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to
6 a crime punishable by one year or more of imprisonment;

7 (2) Has, in any jurisdiction, been adjudicated of committing a civil violation or
8 been convicted of a criminal violation involving dishonesty, deception,
9 misappropriation or fraud;

10 (3) Has engaged in conduct in this State or any other jurisdiction that would
11 constitute a violation of this chapter; chapter 11 involving gambling; chapter 31;
12 Title 17, chapter 13-A or 62; Title 17-A, chapter 39; or substantially similar
13 offenses in other jurisdictions;

14 (4) Is a fugitive from justice, a drug user, a person with substance use disorder, an
15 illegal alien or a person who was dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces
16 of the United States; or

17 (5) Is not current in filing all applicable tax returns and in the payment of all taxes,
18 penalties and interest owed to this State, any other state or the United States
19 Internal Revenue Service, excluding items under formal appeal;

20 F. If the applicant or licensee has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the director
21 sufficient financial assets to meet the requirements of the licensed business or proposed
22 business and to meet any financial obligations imposed by this chapter;

23 G. If the applicant, the licensee or a person having control of the applicant or licensee
24 under section 1204, subsection 2 has not demonstrated financial responsibility. For the
25 purposes of this paragraph, "financial responsibility" means a demonstration of a
26 current and expected future condition of financial solvency sufficient to satisfy the
27 director that the applicant, the licensee or the person can successfully engage in
28 business without jeopardy to the public health, safety and welfare. "Financial
29 responsibility" may be determined by an evaluation of the total history concerning the
30 applicant, the licensee or the person, including past, present and expected condition
31 and record of financial solvency, business record and accounting and managerial
32 practices;

33 H. If the applicant or licensee has not met the requirements of this chapter; or

34 I. If the applicant or licensee has violated any provision of this chapter or of the rules
35 adopted under this chapter.

36 **2. Denial of initial license or renewed license; notice; hearing.** The director may
37 deny an application for a license or for renewal of a license for the reasons set forth in
38 subsection 1. The director shall notify the applicant or the licensee in writing of the
39 decision and of the opportunity to request a hearing conducted by the commissioner.

40 If the applicant or licensee fails to request a hearing within 30 days of the date that the
41 notice was mailed under this subsection, the director may issue a final decision denying the
42 application for a license or for renewal of a license. If the applicant or licensee makes a
43 timely request for a hearing, the commissioner shall conduct an adjudicatory hearing in

1 accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4. The director's decision to deny the
2 license or license renewal stands until the commissioner issues a decision to uphold, modify
3 or overrule the director's decision.

4 After hearing, if the commissioner finds grounds for denying a license or license renewal
5 under subsection 1, the commissioner may deny the application for a license or for renewal
6 of a license.

7 **3. Investigation of complaints; notice; hearing.** The director or the director's
8 designee shall investigate a complaint on the director's own motion or upon receipt of a
9 written complaint regarding noncompliance with or violation of this chapter or of any rules
10 adopted under this chapter. Following the investigation, the director may mail the licensee
11 a notice of violation and proposed sanction and the opportunity to request a hearing.

12 If the licensee fails to request a hearing within 30 days of the date that a notice was mailed
13 under this subsection, the director may issue a final decision imposing the sanction
14 proposed in the notice. If the licensee makes a timely request for a hearing, the
15 commissioner shall conduct an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with Title 5, chapter
16 375, subchapter 4. If, after the hearing, the commissioner finds that the factual basis of the
17 complaint is true and is of sufficient gravity to warrant further action, the commissioner
18 may impose an administrative sanction under subsection 4.

19 **4. Administrative sanctions.** The director or the commissioner may, pursuant to
20 subsection 3, impose the following administrative sanctions on a licensee:

21 A. A written reprimand;

22 B. Conditions of probation of a license;

23 C. A license suspension;

24 D. A license revocation; or

25 E. A civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation of any provision of this chapter or
26 rule adopted pursuant to this chapter.

27 **5. Appeals.** A person aggrieved by the final decision of the commissioner under
28 subsection 2 or 3 may appeal the commissioner's decision to the Superior Court in
29 accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

30 **§1206. Facility sports wagering license**

31 **1. Issuance of license.** The director shall issue a facility sports wagering license upon
32 finding that the applicant meets all requirements of this section, sections 1204 and 1205
33 and rules adopted under this chapter.

34 **2. Eligibility.** To be eligible to receive a facility sports wagering license, an applicant
35 must be:

36 A. A commercial track licensed under section 271;

37 B. An off-track betting facility licensed under section 275-D;

38 C. A slot machine facility or casino licensed under section 1011; or

39 D. A federally recognized Indian tribe in this State.

1 Each entity or tribe identified in paragraphs A to D may receive only one facility sports
2 wagering license under this section.

3 **3. Authority to conduct sports wagering; management services permitted.** A
4 facility sports wagering license granted by the director pursuant to this section grants a
5 licensee lawful authority to conduct sports wagering within the terms and conditions of the
6 license and any rules adopted under this chapter. A facility sports wagering licensee may
7 contract with a management services licensee under section 1209.

8 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license is \$2,000
9 and must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition
10 to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license
11 in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any
12 background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee
13 may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the
14 difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

15 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed
16 under this section is valid for 2 years unless sooner revoked by the director under section
17 1205. The failure of an entity identified in subsection 2, paragraph A, B or C to maintain
18 the underlying license described in that paragraph voids the entity's facility sports wagering
19 license.

20 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a facility sports wagering license that is
21 qualified under subsection 2, paragraph A, B or C may submit with the application a request
22 for a temporary license. An applicant for a facility sports wagering license that is qualified
23 under subsection 2, paragraph D and that has a license to operate high-stakes beano under
24 Title 17, section 314-A may submit with the application a request for a temporary license.

25 A request for a temporary license must include the initial license fee of \$2,000. If the
26 director determines that the applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the
27 requirements established by rule for a temporary license and has paid the initial license fee
28 and the director is not aware of any reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under
29 this section, the director may issue a temporary facility sports wagering license. A
30 temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for one year or until a final
31 determination on the facility sports wagering license application is made, whichever is
32 sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the applicant is eligible for a
33 facility sports wagering license under this chapter, the director shall issue the initial facility
34 sports wagering license, at which time the temporary license terminates. The initial facility
35 sports wagering license is valid for 2 years from the date that the temporary license was
36 issued by the director. Sports wagering conducted under authority of a temporary license
37 must comply with the facility operator's house rules adopted under section 1211.

38 **7. Occupational license required.** A facility sports wagering licensee, including a
39 temporary licensee under subsection 6, shall conduct sports wagering through persons
40 holding a valid occupational license under section 1210.

41 **8. Municipal control.** Nothing in this chapter may be construed to restrict the
42 authority of municipalities under municipal home rule provisions of the Constitution of
43 Maine, including zoning and public safety authority.

44 **§1207. Mobile sports wagering license**

1 **1. Issuance of license.** The director shall issue a mobile sports wagering license upon
2 finding that the applicant meets all requirements of this section, sections 1204 and 1205
3 and rules adopted under this chapter.

4 **2. Eligibility.** To be eligible to receive a mobile sports wagering license, an applicant
5 must be:

6 A. A commercial track licensed under section 271;

7 B. An off-track betting facility licensed under section 275-D;

8 C. A slot machine facility or casino licensed under section 1011; or

9 D. A federally recognized Indian tribe in this State.

10 **3. Authority to conduct sports wagering; management services permitted.** A
11 mobile sports wagering license granted by the director pursuant to this section grants a
12 licensee lawful authority to conduct sports wagering through any mobile applications or
13 digital platforms approved by the director within the terms and conditions of the license
14 and any rules adopted under this chapter. A mobile sports wagering licensee may contract
15 with a management services licensee under section 1209.

16 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed mobile sports wagering license is \$20,000
17 and must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition
18 to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license
19 in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any
20 background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee
21 may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the
22 difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

23 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed
24 under this section is valid for 2 years unless sooner revoked by the director under section
25 1205. The failure of an entity identified in subsection 2, paragraph A, B or C to maintain
26 the underlying license described in that paragraph voids the entity's mobile sports wagering
27 license.

28 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a mobile sports wagering license may submit
29 with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license
30 must include the initial license fee of \$20,000. If the director determines that the applicant
31 is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by rule for a temporary
32 license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any reason the
33 applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a temporary
34 mobile sports wagering license. A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid
35 for one year or until a final determination on the mobile sports wagering license application
36 is made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the
37 applicant is eligible for a mobile sports wagering license under this chapter, the director
38 shall issue the initial mobile sports wagering license, at which time the temporary license
39 terminates. The initial mobile sports wagering license is valid for 2 years from the date
40 that the temporary license was issued by the director. Sports wagering conducted under
41 authority of a temporary license must comply with the mobile operator's house rules
42 adopted under section 1211.

43 **§1208. Supplier license**

1 **1. Issuance of license; eligibility.** The director shall issue a supplier license upon
2 finding that the applicant meets all requirements of this section, sections 1204 and 1205
3 and rules adopted under this chapter.

4 **2. Equipment.** An applicant for a supplier license shall demonstrate that the
5 equipment, systems or services that the applicant plans to offer to an operator conform to
6 standards established by rule by the director. The director may accept approval by another
7 jurisdiction that is specifically determined by the director to have similar equipment
8 standards as evidence the applicant meets the standards established by the director by rule.

9 **3. Authority to supply operators.** A supplier license granted by the director pursuant
10 to this section grants a licensee lawful authority to sell or to lease sports wagering
11 equipment, systems or services to operators in the State within the terms and conditions of
12 the license and any rules adopted under this chapter.

13 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed supplier license is \$20,000 and must be
14 retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to the license
15 fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an amount
16 equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any background
17 investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee may be
18 charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference
19 may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

20 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed
21 under this section is valid for 2 years unless sooner revoked by the director under section
22 1205.

23 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a supplier license may submit with the
24 application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license must
25 include the initial license fee of \$20,000. If the director determines that the applicant is
26 qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by rule for a temporary
27 license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any reason the
28 applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a temporary
29 supplier license. A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for one year or
30 until a final determination on the supplier license application is made, whichever is sooner.
31 If after investigation the director determines that the applicant is eligible for a supplier
32 license under this chapter, the director shall issue the initial supplier license, at which time
33 the temporary license terminates. The initial supplier license is valid for 2 years from the
34 date that the temporary license was issued by the director.

35 **7. Inventory.** A supplier licensee shall submit to the director a list of all sports
36 wagering equipment, systems and services sold or leased to, delivered to or offered to an
37 operator in this State as required by the director, all of which must be tested and approved
38 by an independent testing laboratory approved by the director. An operator may continue
39 to use supplies acquired from a licensed supplier if the supplier's license subsequently
40 expires or is otherwise revoked, unless the director finds a defect in the supplies.

41 **§1209. Management services license**

42 **1. Issuance of license; eligibility.** The director shall issue a management services
43 license upon finding that the applicant meets all requirements of this section, sections 1204
44 and 1205 and rules adopted under this chapter and that the applicant has sufficient

1 knowledge and experience in the business of operating sports wagering to effectively
2 conduct sports wagering in accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted under this
3 chapter.

4 **2. Authority to enter contract with operator.** A management services licensee may
5 contract with an operator to manage sports wagering operations on behalf of the operator
6 in accordance with rules adopted under this chapter.

7 **3. Contract approval; material change in written contract.** A person may not
8 contract with an operator to conduct sports wagering on behalf of the operator unless the
9 person is licensed under this section and the director approves the written contract. A
10 management services licensee shall submit to the director any proposed material change to
11 the written contract that has been approved by the director under this subsection. A
12 management services licensee may not transfer, assign, delegate or subcontract any portion
13 of the management services licensee's responsibilities under the contract or any portion of
14 the management services licensee's right to compensation under the contract to any other
15 person who does not hold a management services license.

16 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed management services license is \$20,000 and
17 must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to
18 the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in
19 an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any
20 background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee
21 may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the
22 difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

23 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed
24 under this section is valid for 2 years unless sooner revoked by the director under section
25 1205.

26 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a management services license may submit
27 with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license
28 must include the initial license fee of \$20,000. If the director determines that the applicant
29 is qualified under subsection 1, meets the requirements established by rule for a temporary
30 license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any reason the
31 applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a temporary
32 management services license. A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for
33 one year or until a final determination on the management services license application is
34 made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the applicant
35 is eligible for a management services license under this chapter, the director shall issue the
36 initial management services license, at which time the temporary license terminates. The
37 initial management services license is valid for 2 years from the date that the temporary
38 license was issued by the director.

39 **§1210. Occupational license**

40 **1. License required.** A person may not be employed by a facility operator to be
41 engaged directly in sports wagering-related activities or otherwise to conduct or operate
42 sports wagering without a valid occupational license issued by the director under this
43 section. The director shall issue an occupational license to a person who meets the
44 requirements of this section, section 1204 and section 1205. The director shall by rule

1 establish a process for issuance of occupational licenses that is, as far as possible, identical
2 to the process for licensing employees of a casino under section 1015.

3 **2. Authority to be employed in sports wagering.** An occupational license authorizes
4 the licensee to be employed by a facility operator in the capacity designated by the director
5 while the license is active. The director may establish, by rule, job classifications with
6 different requirements to recognize the extent to which a particular job has the ability to
7 affect the proper operation of sports wagering.

8 **3. Application and fee.** Except as provided in subsection 5, an applicant shall submit
9 any required application forms established by the director and pay a nonrefundable
10 application fee of \$250. The fee may be paid on behalf of an applicant by the facility
11 operator employer. Fees paid under this subsection must be retained by the director for the
12 costs of administering this chapter.

13 **4. Renewal fee and form.** An occupational licensee shall pay to the director an annual
14 renewal fee of \$50. The fee may be paid on behalf of the occupational licensee by the
15 facility operator employer. In addition to a renewal fee, an occupational licensee shall
16 annually submit a renewal application on the form required by the director. Fees paid under
17 this subsection must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter.

18 **5. Exception.** An individual who is actively licensed under section 1015 as an
19 employee of a casino that has a facility sports wagering license may obtain or renew a
20 license under this section without paying an initial license fee or a renewal license fee under
21 this section.

22 **§1211. Sports wagering house rules**

23 **1. Adoption of house rules.** An operator shall adopt comprehensive house rules for
24 game play governing sports wagering transactions with its patrons. House rules must be
25 approved by the director prior to implementation and meet the minimum standards
26 established by the director by rule, including, but not limited to, requiring that the house
27 rules specify the amounts to be paid on winning wagers and the effect of schedule changes,
28 the circumstances under which the operator will void a bet and treatment of errors, late bets
29 and related contingencies.

30 **2. Advertisement of house rules.** The house rules, together with any other
31 information the director determines to be appropriate, must be advertised as required by
32 the director by rule and must be made readily available to patrons.

33 **§1212. Access to premises and equipment**

34 A licensee under this chapter shall permit the director, the department or a designee of
35 the director unrestricted access, during regular business hours, including access to locked
36 or secured areas, to inspect any facility and any equipment, prizes, records or other items
37 to be used in the operation of sports wagering.

38 **§1213. Persons prohibited from making wagers on sports events**

39 An operator and a management services licensee conducting sports wagering on behalf
40 of an operator may not accept a wager on a sports event from the following persons:

41 **1. Persons under 21 years of age.** A person who has not attained 21 years of age;

1 **2. Sports event participants.** An athlete or individual who participates or officiates
2 in the sports event that is the subject of the wager;

3 **3. Operators and employees.** An operator or management services licensee;
4 directors, officers and employees of an operator or management services licensee; or a
5 relative living in the same household as any of these persons. This subsection does not
6 prohibit a relative living in the same household as a director, officer or employee of an
7 operator or management services licensee from making a sports wager with an unaffiliated
8 operator or management services licensee;

9 **4. Interested parties.** A person with an interest in the outcome of the sports event
10 identified by the director by rule. The interested parties identified by the director by rule
11 under this paragraph may include, but are not limited to, legal or beneficial owners of or
12 employees of a sports team participating in the event or another sports team in the same
13 league as a sports team participating in the event as well as directors, owners or employees
14 of the sports league conducting the event;

15 **5. Unauthorized persons.** A person on a list established by rule by the director under
16 section 1203, subsection 2, paragraph K of persons who are not authorized to make wagers
17 on sports events;

18 **6. Third parties.** A person making a wager on behalf of or as the agent or custodian
19 of another person; and

20 **7. Regulatory staff.** An employee of the Gambling Control Unit within the
21 department.

22 **§1214. Interception of sports wagering winnings to pay child support debt**

23 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
24 following terms have the following meanings.

25 **A. "Child support debt"** means child support debt that has been liquidated by judicial
26 or administrative action.

27 **B. "Department"** means the Department of Health and Human Services.

28 **C. "Licensee"** means a facility operator, a mobile operator or a management services
29 licensee under section 1209.

30 **D. "Registry operator"** means the department or an entity with which the department
31 enters into a contract to maintain the registry pursuant to subsection 3.

32 **E. "Winner"** means a sports wagering customer to whom cash is returned as winnings.

33 **2. Interception.** A licensee shall intercept sports wagering winnings to pay child
34 support debt in accordance with this section.

35 **3. Registry.** The department shall create and maintain, or shall contract with a private
36 entity to create and maintain, a secure, electronically accessible registry containing
37 information regarding individuals with outstanding child support debt. The department
38 shall regularly enter into the registry information including:

39 **A.** The name and social security number of each individual with outstanding child
40 support debt;

1 B. The account number or identifier assigned by the department to the outstanding
2 child support debt;

3 C. The amount of the outstanding child support debt; and

4 D. Any other information necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

5 **4. Electronic access to information; procedures.** A licensee shall electronically
6 access the registry in accordance with this subsection.

7 A. Before making a payout of winnings of an amount equal to or greater than the
8 amount for which the licensee is required to file a Form W-2G or substantially
9 equivalent form with the United States Internal Revenue Service, the licensee shall
10 obtain the name, address, date of birth and social security number of the winner and
11 shall electronically submit this information to the registry operator.

12 B. Upon receipt of information pursuant to paragraph A, the registry operator shall
13 electronically inform the licensee whether the winner is listed in the registry. If the
14 winner is listed in the registry, the registry operator shall inform the licensee of the
15 amount of the winner's outstanding child support debt and the account number or
16 identifier assigned to the outstanding child support debt and shall provide the licensee
17 with a notice of withholding that informs the winner of the right to an administrative
18 hearing.

19 C. If the registry operator informs the licensee that the winner is not listed in the
20 registry or if the licensee is unable to obtain information from the registry operator on
21 a real-time basis after attempting in good faith to do so, the licensee may make payment
22 to the winner.

23 D. If the registry operator informs the licensee that the winner is listed in the registry,
24 the licensee may not make payment to the winner unless the amount of the payout
25 exceeds the amount of outstanding child support debt, in which case the licensee may
26 make payment to the winner of the amount of winnings that is in excess of the amount
27 of the winner's outstanding child support debt.

28 **5. Lien against winnings.** If the registry operator informs a licensee pursuant to this
29 section that a winner is listed in the registry, the department has a valid lien upon and claim
30 of lien against the winnings in the amount of the winner's outstanding child support debt.

31 **6. Withholding of winnings.** The licensee shall withhold from any winnings an
32 amount equal to the amount of the lien created under subsection 5 and shall provide a notice
33 of withholding to the winner. Within 7 days after withholding an amount pursuant to this
34 subsection, the licensee shall transmit the amount withheld to the department together with
35 a report of the name, address and social security number of the winner, the account number
36 or identifier assigned to the debt, the amount withheld, the date of withholding and the
37 name and location of the licensee.

38 **7. Licensee costs.** Notwithstanding subsection 6, the licensee may retain \$10 from an
39 amount withheld pursuant to this section to cover the cost of the licensee's compliance with
40 this section.

41 **8. Administrative hearing.** A winner from whom an amount was withheld pursuant
42 to this section has the right, within 15 days of receipt of the notice of withholding, to request
43 from the department an administrative hearing. The hearing is limited to questions of

1 whether the debt is liquidated and whether any postliquidation events have affected the
2 winner's liability. The administrative hearing decision constitutes final agency action.

3 **9. Authorization to provide information.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to
4 the contrary, the licensee may provide to the department or registry operator any
5 information necessary to effectuate the intent of this section. The department or registry
6 operator may provide to the licensee any information necessary to effectuate the intent of
7 this section.

8 **10. Confidentiality of information.** The information obtained by the department or
9 registry operator from a licensee pursuant to this section and the information obtained by
10 the licensee from the department or registry operator pursuant to this section are
11 confidential and may be used only for the purposes set forth in this section. An employee
12 or prior employee of the department, the registry operator or a licensee who knowingly or
13 intentionally discloses any such information commits a civil violation for which a fine not
14 to exceed \$1,000 may be adjudged.

15 **11. Effect of compliance; noncompliance.** A licensee, the department and the
16 registry operator are not liable for any action taken in good faith to comply with this section.
17 A licensee who fails to make a good faith effort to obtain information from the registry
18 operator or who fails to withhold and transmit the amount of the lien created under
19 subsection 5 is liable to the department for the greater of \$500 and the amount the person
20 was required to withhold and transmit to the department under this section, together with
21 costs, interest and reasonable attorney's fees.

22 **12. Biennial review.** The department shall include in its report to the Legislature
23 under section 1066 the following information:

24 A. The number of names of winners submitted by licensees to the registry operator
25 pursuant to this section in each of the preceding 2 calendar years;

26 B. The number of winners who were found to be listed in the registry in each of the
27 preceding 2 calendar years;

28 C. The amount of winnings withheld by licensees pursuant to this section in each of
29 the preceding 2 calendar years; and

30 D. The amount of withheld winnings refunded to winners as the result of
31 administrative hearings requested pursuant to this section in each of the preceding 2
32 calendar years.

33 **§1215. Allocation of funds**

34 **1. Tax imposed on facility operator; allocation of funds.** A facility operator shall
35 collect and distribute 10% of adjusted gross sports wagering receipts to the director to be
36 forwarded by the director to the Treasurer of State for distribution as follows:

37 A. One percent of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the
38 General Fund for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Unit within the
39 department;

40 B. One percent of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the
41 Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund established by Title 5, section
42 20006-B; and

1 C. Eight percent of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be credited to the
2 Department of Education to be used for essential programs and services for
3 kindergarten to grade 12 under Title 20-A, chapter 606-B.

4 **2. Tax imposed on mobile operator; allocation of funds.** A mobile operator shall
5 collect and distribute 16% of adjusted gross sports wagering receipts to the director to be
6 forwarded by the director to the Treasurer of State for distribution as follows:

7 A. One percent of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the
8 General Fund for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Unit within the
9 department;

10 B. One percent of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the
11 Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund established by Title 5, section
12 20006-B; and

13 C. Fourteen percent of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be credited to
14 the Department of Education to be used for essential programs and services for
15 kindergarten to grade 12 under Title 20-A, chapter 606-B.

16 **3. Due dates; late payments.** The director may adopt rules establishing the dates on
17 which payments required by this section are due. All payments not remitted when due must
18 be paid together with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate of 1.5% per month.

19 **§1216. Unauthorized sports wagering**

20 Notwithstanding Title 17-A, chapter 39, a person who engages in an activity for which
21 a license is required under this chapter and who does not possess the required license under
22 this chapter to conduct that activity is subject to the penalties specified in this section and
23 is not subject to Title 17-A, chapter 39 for that unlicensed activity.

24 **1. First violation.** A person, other than a licensee under this chapter, that operates or
25 facilitates sports wagering commits a Class E crime and is subject to a fine of not more
26 than \$10,000 and a term of imprisonment of not more than 90 days.

27 **2. Second violation.** A person convicted of a 2nd violation of subsection 1 commits
28 a Class D crime and is subject to a fine of not more than \$50,000 and a term of
29 imprisonment of not more than 6 months.

30 **3. Third or subsequent violation.** A person convicted of a 3rd or subsequent
31 violation of subsection 1 commits a Class C crime and is subject to a fine of not less than
32 \$25,000 and not more than \$100,000 and a term of imprisonment of not less than one year
33 and not more than 5 years.

34 **§1217. Applicability of other laws**

35 The provisions of Title 17, chapter 62 and Title 17-A, chapter 39 do not apply to sports
36 wagering conducted in accordance with this chapter and the rules adopted under this
37 chapter.

38 **Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶R,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. G,
39 §5; c. 399, §3; c. 402, §3; and c. 416, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

40 R. Who is required to have a criminal background check under Title 22, section
41 8302-A or 8302-B;

1 **Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶S**, as enacted PL 2019, c. 399, §4 and c. 402,
2 §4 and reallocated by c. 343, Pt. G, §4 and c. 416, §2, is repealed and the following enacted
3 in its place:

4 S. Who is required to have a criminal history record check under Title 22, section
5 2425-A, subsection 3-A;

6 **Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶T**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 399, §4; c. 402,
7 §4; and c. 416, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

8 T. Who is required to have a criminal history record check under Title 22, section
9 8110;

10 **Sec. 7. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶U**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 616, Pt. S, §2,
11 is reallocated to 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶X.

12 **Sec. 8. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶V** is enacted to read:

13 V. Who is employed or may be offered employment by the Office of the State Auditor
14 as required under Title 5, section 247;

15 **Sec. 9. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶W** is enacted to read:

16 W. Who is required to have a criminal history record check under Title 19-A, section
17 2111;

18 **Sec. 10. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§1, ¶Y** is enacted to read:

19 Y. Who is required to have a criminal background check under Title 8, section 1204.

20 **Sec. 11. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶O**, as repealed by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. G,
21 §8 and c. 416, §5 and repealed and replaced by c. 399, §5 and c. 402, §5, is repealed and
22 the following enacted in its place:

23 O. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named
24 in subsection 1, paragraph P at the request of that person and upon payment of the
25 expenses by that person as required by Title 32, section 2571-A.

26 **Sec. 12. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶S**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 399, §6; c.
27 402, §6; and c. 416, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

28 S. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named
29 in subsection 1, paragraph T at the request of that person or the Department of Health
30 and Human Services pursuant to Title 22, section 8110.

31 **Sec. 13. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶T**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 616, Pt. S, §3
32 and c. 644, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

33 T. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named
34 in subsection 1, paragraph U at the request of that person and upon payment of the
35 expenses by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation as
36 specified under Title 26, section 1085, subsection 3.

37 **Sec. 14. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶U** is enacted to read:

38 U. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named
39 in subsection 1, paragraph V at the request of that person or the Office of the State

1 Auditor and upon payment by the Office of the State Auditor of the fee established in
2 Title 5, section 247, subsection 3.

3 **Sec. 15. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶V** is enacted to read:

4 V. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named
5 in subsection 1, paragraph W at the request of that person or the Department of Health
6 and Human Services pursuant to Title 19-A, section 2111.

7 **Sec. 16. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶W** is enacted to read:

8 W. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named
9 in subsection 1, paragraph X at the request of that person or the Department of
10 Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology and upon
11 payment of the fees as provided under Title 5, section 1986.

12 **Sec. 17. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§3, ¶X** is enacted to read:

13 X. The State Police shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the person named
14 in subsection 1, paragraph Y at the request of that person or the director of the
15 Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety and upon payment by
16 the director of the Gambling Control Unit of the fee established pursuant to Title 8,
17 section 1204, subsection 3.

18 **Sec. 18. 25 MRSA §1542-A, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 343,
19 Pt. G, §10; c. 399, §7; c. 402, §7; and c. 416, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in
20 its place:

21 **4. Duty to submit to State Bureau of Identification.** It is the duty of the law
22 enforcement agency taking the fingerprints as required by subsection 3, paragraphs A, B
23 and G to transmit immediately to the State Bureau of Identification the criminal fingerprint
24 record. Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph C, D, E or F or pursuant to
25 subsection 5 may not be submitted to the State Bureau of Identification unless an express
26 request is made by the commanding officer of the State Bureau of Identification.
27 Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph G must be transmitted immediately
28 to the State Bureau of Identification to enable the bureau to conduct state and national
29 criminal history record checks for the Department of Education. The bureau may not use
30 the fingerprints for any purpose other than that provided for under Title 20-A, section 6103.
31 The bureau shall retain the fingerprints, except as provided under Title 20-A, section 6103,
32 subsection 9. Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph I and subsection 3,
33 paragraph I must be transmitted immediately to the State Bureau of Identification to enable
34 the bureau to conduct state and national criminal history record checks for the court and
35 the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board, respectively. Fingerprints
36 taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph J or S must be transmitted immediately to the
37 State Bureau of Identification to enable the bureau to conduct state and national criminal
38 history record checks for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.
39 Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph P must be transmitted immediately
40 to the State Bureau of Identification to enable the bureau to conduct state and national
41 criminal history record checks for the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, established in Title
42 32, chapter 36. Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph N must be
43 transmitted immediately to the State Bureau of Identification to enable the bureau to
44 conduct state and national criminal history record checks for the Board of Licensure in

1 Medicine, established in Title 32, chapter 48. Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1,
2 paragraph Q must be transmitted immediately to the State Bureau of Identification to enable
3 the bureau to conduct state and national criminal history record checks for the State Board
4 of Nursing, established in Title 32, chapter 31. Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection
5 1, paragraph O must be transmitted immediately to the State Bureau of Identification to
6 enable the bureau to conduct state and national criminal history record checks under Title
7 28-B, section 204. Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph R, T or W must
8 be transmitted immediately to the State Bureau of Identification to enable the bureau to
9 conduct state and national criminal history record checks for the Department of Health and
10 Human Services. Fingerprints taken pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph V must be
11 transmitted immediately to the State Bureau of Identification to enable the bureau to
12 conduct state and national criminal history record checks for the Office of the State Auditor.

13 **Sec. 19. Emergency rules.** The director of the Gambling Control Unit within the
14 Department of Public Safety may adopt emergency rules under the Maine Revised Statutes,
15 Title 5, section 8054 as necessary to implement this Act without the necessity of
16 demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety
17 or general welfare.

18 SUMMARY

19 This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to
20 regulate sports wagering in the State.

21 Licensed commercial tracks, licensed off-track betting facilities, licensed casinos and
22 federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply for facility sports wagering licenses
23 to conduct in-person sports wagering in the State. These entities are also eligible to apply
24 for mobile sports wagering licenses to conduct sports wagering through mobile applications
25 or digital platforms. Facility sports wagering licensees and mobile sports wagering
26 licensees, referred to in the bill as operators, may purchase or lease equipment, systems or
27 services for sports wagering from entities with a supplier license, whose equipment,
28 systems or services must meet standards established by rule. Operators may also enter into
29 written contracts, approved by the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the
30 Department of Public Safety, with management services licensees that have sufficient
31 knowledge and experience in the business of operating sports wagering to effectively
32 conduct sports wagering on behalf of operators. A person employed by a facility sports
33 wagering licensee to be engaged directly in sports wagering-related activities must be
34 licensed by the Gambling Control Unit.

35 Operators may accept wagers on professional, collegiate and amateur sports events,
36 including international events, as well as on the individual performances of athletes, on
37 motor vehicle races and on electronic sports. Sports wagers are prohibited on high school
38 events, other events where a majority of participants are less than 18 years of age and events
39 involving Maine-based colleges and universities. Operators may not accept sports wagers
40 from individuals under 21 years of age; participants in the sports event, including athletes
41 and officials; persons with an interest in the outcome of the sports event identified by the
42 director by rule; the operator's own directors or employees or persons living in their
43 households; persons voluntarily or involuntarily placed on a list maintained by the
44 Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety of persons not authorized
45 to make sports wagers; 3rd persons making wagers on behalf of another person; and

1 Gambling Control Unit employees. Mobile sports wagering licensees are also prohibited
2 from accepting sports wagers from persons who are not physically located within the State.

3 A facility sports wagering licensee must remit 10% of the licensee's adjusted gross
4 sports wagering receipts to the State and a mobile sports wagering licensee must remit 16%
5 of the licensee's adjusted gross sports wagering receipts to the State. One percent of
6 adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the General Fund for the
7 administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public
8 Safety and 1% of the adjusted gross sports wagering receipts must be deposited in the
9 Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund established by the Maine Revised
10 Statutes, Title 5, section 20006-B. The remaining adjusted gross sports wagering receipts
11 remitted to the State must be credited to the Department of Education to be used for
12 essential programs and services for kindergarten to grade 12.

13 The bill also allows a licensed fantasy contest operator to offer a fantasy contest based
14 on the performances of participants in collegiate athletic events.