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Legislative Testimony
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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and Distinguished Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, I am Milton Champion, Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety. I am here today on behalf of the Department of Public Safety to testify "In Favor of' LD 2117 which is "An Act to Amend the laws regarding Sports Wagering Licensing". And I thank Senator Hickman for sponsoring this important measure.

This bill amends the laws governing the regulation of sports wagering licensing for business entities which include Operators, Management Service providers and Suppliers. It lowers the fee for an initial or renewed licenses to the equivalent of what the fees are for a four-year license versus a one year and allows an extension of the one year temporary license.

Specifically, it changes the facility sports wagering license from \$4,000 every four years to \$1,000.00 annually, changes the mobile sports wagering license from \$200,000.00 every four years to \$50,000.00 annually and changes the management service and supplier license from \$40,000.00 every four years to \$10,000.00 annually.

The renewal application is just four pages and asks the following since their last application:

- Have there been any changes to the company's address?
- Have there been any changes to the key executives of the company or any parent or intermediate affiliates of the company?
- Have there been any changes to the ownership structure of the company or any parent or intermediate affiliates of the company?
- Have there been any adverse actions taken against the company or any parent or intermediary affiliates of the company by any other regulatory agencies? And