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Testimony of Rep. Marshall Archer introducing
**LD 1434, An Act to Allow Veterans' Organizations and Fraternal Organizations to
Obtain a License to Operate the Draw Game Keno**
Before the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

Good afternoon, Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and distinguished members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Marshall Archer, Representative for House District 129, and I am here before you as the sponsor of **LD 1434, An Act to Allow Veterans' Organizations and Fraternal Organizations to Obtain a License to Operate the Draw Game Keno**.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this bill, which would allow fraternal and veterans' organizations to operate keno games on their premises under state licensure.

In addition to sponsoring this bill, I also serve as the commander of a local Veterans Service Organization. I've seen firsthand how vital these organizations are — not only for fellowship, but for the direct support they provide to veterans and their families. Sadly, many of them are struggling. Membership is falling, fundraising has become more difficult, and rising costs threaten their very existence.

This bill aims to give them a modest, regulated tool to help sustain their missions. However, I fully recognize the concerns about timing and fiscal impact. The state's budget is tight, and the fiscal note for this proposal remains uncertain.

If the Committee were to move directly into a work session following the public hearing and vote **Ought Not to Pass**, I would fully support that decision. I understand that now may not be the right time — and I deeply appreciate the Committee's thoughtful approach to these issues.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.