



Testimony on LD 2048

Before the Maine Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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Chair Hickman, Chair Supica and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on LD 2048, regarding fantasy sports. My name is Kevin Cochran and I am a Senior Director of Legal and Government Affairs at DraftKings.

DraftKings Inc. is a digital sports entertainment and gaming company with products that range across daily fantasy, regulated gaming, and digital media. Headquartered in Boston and launched in 2012, the Company operates daily fantasy sports contests in Maine, as well as 43 other states and Washington, DC. DraftKings also operates online sports wagering in Maine through our relationship with the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Since 2020, regulated fantasy contests in Maine have contributed approximately \$1.5 million in state revenue and the industry continues to grow over time.¹ To ensure continued support of industry growth and increased revenue to the state, DraftKings would like to respectfully submit some recommendations that we believe would improve LD 2048 and continue the industry's positive trajectory into the future.

First, Section 4 of the legislation would require that separate license applications be filed by each of the following: the corporate holding company, the parent company, and the subsidiary company of a licensee. In the case of DraftKings, this means that the company would have to file three separate license applications instead of the one application required under current law. This would create additional administrative burden for both licensees with applicable corporate structures, as well as for the Gambling Control Unit (GCU), which would have to process additional applications with no discernible regulatory benefit. To avoid this unintended consequence, DraftKings respectfully recommends that Section 4 be amended to clarify that fantasy contest operators need only submit one license application.

Section 5 of the legislation would require that each person in a controlling position for a licensee submit to having fingerprints taken. However, GCU may already have fingerprints on file for applicants who have previously submitted fingerprints in connection with an application for sports betting licensure. To avoid additional administrative burden caused by collecting the same fingerprints twice, DraftKings respectfully recommends that Section 5 be amended to waive the fingerprint submission requirement for individuals who have previously submitted fingerprints to GCU as part of license application for another regulated activity, such as sports wagering or iGaming.

Finally, Section 8 introduces a new occupational license requirement, but the provision does not specify which persons need apply for an occupational license. DraftKings respectfully recommends that Section 8 be amended to clarify that only persons with a controlling role in the licensed entity need apply for an occupational license, mirroring a similar requirement in multiple other jurisdictions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. DraftKings looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee as this legislation makes its way through the legislative process.

¹ Based on cumulative revenue data from MGCU Fantasy Operator Annual Revenue Reports, 2020-2025.