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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 2048 which is “An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Fantasy Contest Licensing.” And I thank Senator Timberlake for sponsoring this important measure.

This bill requires the Director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety to request a criminal history record check for each applicant for a license to conduct fantasy contests and requires the application to include a disclosure of people that have control over an applicant. The bill also clarifies the operator application and license fees for a licensee regardless of revenue and an occupational license application and fee. Currently these individuals need only submit a release of information and proper background investigations cannot be completed without an application with more detailed information about the applicant. With this change Fantasy Contest individuals will be in line with all other areas of regulatory oversight, and it is critical to having the ability to complete backgrounds on international applicants.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee today, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Champion'.

Executive Director
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