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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 2080 which is An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering with amendments.

This bill specifies the methods of payment that may be used to make a sports wager and prohibits the use of a credit card to pay for a sports wager. Current statutes in all areas of gambling under the oversight of the Gambling Control Board and Unit are attached to my testimony today as reference to hopefully establish consistency throughout.

In this bill under subsection 1220 it describes methods of payments for wagers. Sports wagering accounts are established by rule chapter 60 and are attached. Sports wagering accounts are required except through payment at a sports wagering facility for in-person wagering (B. below). By rule in Chapter 60:

7. A patron's sports wagering account for mobile sports wagers may be funded using:

  - A. A patron's deposit account.
  - B. A patron's deposit of cash or gaming chips at a facility lounge.
  - C. Promotional or bonus credit.
  - D. Winnings.
  - E. Adjustments made by the operator with documented notification to the patron; or
  - F. Any other means approved by the Director.

I think the addition of 1220 could create more confusion than is necessary as current sports wagering licensed suppliers of payment processing systems are in place to include but not limited to Pay Near Me, Pay Pal, Pay Safe, Ingo Money, World Pay, Your Pay and Pavilion Payments making number one (1) in this section not necessary. Digital wallets and prepaid cards would be difficult to regulate by non-licensed entities; therefore, we recommend this not be included as an approved method as well and strike this section from the bill.

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.C." followed by a short horizontal line.

## **Title 8 Chapter 31 Gambling Control Board**

### **SUBCHAPTER 3 - SLOT MACHINE OPERATION; ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

#### **§1031. Age limit on slot machine and table game use; access by minors; credit prohibited**

**3. Credit prohibited.** A slot machine operator or casino operator may not allow the use of a credit card or debit card by a person to play a slot machine or table game.

## **Title 8 Chapter 31 Subchapter 7 Advance Deposit Wagering**

No prohibition of the use of credit cards to establish and deposit funds through the use of a credit card.

## **Title 17 Chapter 62 Game of Chance**

### **§1831. Definitions**

**17. Something of value.** "Something of value" means:

- A. Any money or property;
- B. Any token, object or article exchangeable for money, property, amusement or entertainment; or
- C. Any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property, or of any interest therein.

#### **§1837-B. Internet raffle operator license; approval of Internet raffle system**

##### **4. Internet raffle system certification.**

B. May not permit the use of a credit card to purchase a chance or ticket for an Internet raffle or the extension of credit from the Internet raffle operator to a person who purchases a chance or ticket for an Internet raffle;

#### **§1837-C. Raffle entry by payment management system**

**3. Approval of payment management system.** Upon request from a person or organization, the director may approve a payment management system for use by the person or organization in conducting a raffle that is not an Internet raffle only if the director determines that the payment management system:

- A. Does not permit the extension of credit from the person or organization to an individual who purchases a raffle chance or ticket;

## **Title 8 Chapter 33 Regulation of Fantasy Contests**

### **§1104. Conditions of licensure**

#### **1. Conditions of operation.**

N. Prohibit the extension of credit from the fantasy contest operator to a fantasy contestant.