

March 17, 2021

TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE SAWIN MILLETT IN SUPPORT OF LD 587, AN ACT REGARDING THE LICENSING OF PERSONS TO CONDUCT ADVANCE DEPOSIT WAGERING.

Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans And Legal Affairs; I am Sawin Millett and I Represent House District 71 which includes the Towns of Norway, Sweden, Waterford and West Paris. I am pleased to present LD 587, An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering.

I sponsored this Bill on behalf of a constituent who feels that the current law which allows only one Party to be allowed to conduct Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) is not adequately meeting the needs of the wagering public. My Bill simply amends current law by increasing the number of such licenses that may be granted from “one” to “up to three”.

After submitting my Bill draft, I learned that this Committee, in the 129th Legislature, had been working on a comprehensive rewrite of the ADW statutes but was prevented from reporting that proposal to the full Legislature when we adjourned last March. It is my understanding that a version of last year’s more comprehensive approach is also before you today. Assuming this VLA Committee is similarly inclined to continue the work of the 129th VLA Committee, I expect that my Bill will not be the vehicle you will use for your Committee Report. Nonetheless, I present LD 587 as an alternative if you choose to take a simpler approach.

I will be pleased to respond to any questions you may have of me. Thank you.