

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests

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Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1101, sub-§4, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended  
3 to read:

4 A. ~~One~~ Six or more fantasy contestants pay an entry fee to participate;

5 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1101, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

6 **9-A. Proposition bet.** "Proposition bet" means a wager made regarding the  
7 occurrence or nonoccurrence of an event or circumstance during a sports event that is not  
8 dependent on the final outcome of the sports event, including a contest in which a contestant  
9 must choose, directly or indirectly, whether an individual athlete or a single team will  
10 surpass an identified statistical achievement, such as points scored.

11 **Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1103, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to  
12 read:

13 **1. License required.** A person or fantasy contest operator may not offer a fantasy  
14 contest in the State without first being licensed by the director, ~~except during such time as~~  
15 ~~the person's or fantasy contest operator's application for a license is pending before the~~  
16 ~~director as provided in subsection 9.~~

17 **Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1103, sub-§3, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended  
18 to read:

19 F. The type and estimated number of fantasy contests to be conducted during the term  
20 of the license ~~and during any period of operation authorized under subsection 9;~~

21 **Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1103, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to  
22 read:

23 **6. License fee; term.** The initial and renewal fee for a license for a fantasy contest  
24 operator ~~that had gross fantasy contest revenues during the 12 months preceding~~  
25 ~~application equal to or greater than \$100,000 is \$2,500 \$5,000. A fantasy contest operator~~  
26 ~~that had gross fantasy contest revenues during the 12 months preceding application of less~~  
27 ~~than \$100,000 is not required to pay a license fee. Licenses must be renewed annually.~~

28 **Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1103, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is repealed.

29 **Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1104, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

30 **2-A. Proposition bets prohibited.** A fantasy contest may not be based on a  
31 proposition bet or a contest that has the effect of mimicking a proposition bet.

32 **Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §1105, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to  
33 read:

34 **2. Allocation of funds.** The director shall collect for deposit to the General Fund 10%  
35 of gross fantasy contest revenues, ~~including any revenues earned while operating pending~~  
36 ~~approval of an application submitted to the director as described in section 1103, subsection~~  
37 ~~9, from a fantasy contest operator licensed under this chapter that has gross fantasy contest~~  
38 ~~revenues of \$100,000 or greater.~~

1 **SUMMARY**

2 This bill updates the definition of "fantasy contest" to mean a contest in which 6 or  
3 more contestants pay an entry fee to participate and adds a definition of "proposition bet."  
4 It also updates the initial and renewal fee for a license for a fantasy contest operator to  
5 \$5,000 and repeals the law allowing a fantasy contest operator to operate a fantasy contest  
6 while an initial license, license renewal or license transfer is pending. The bill also  
7 prohibits fantasy contests based on proposition betting.