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131ST LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 913, L.D. 2117, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1206, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

**4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license issued prior to September 1, 2024 is \$4,000 and for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license issued on or after September 1, 2024 is \$1,000. The fee must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

**Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1206, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

**5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed under this section prior to September 1, 2024 is valid for 4 years and a license granted or renewed under this section on or after September 1, 2024 is valid for one year unless sooner revoked by the director or the commissioner under section 1205. The failure of a facility sports wagering licensee to maintain its underlying off-track betting license voids the facility sports wagering license.

**Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1206, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

**6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a facility sports wagering license may submit with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license

1 must include the initial license fee of ~~\$4,000~~ under subsection 4. If the director determines  
 2 that the applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by  
 3 rule for a temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware  
 4 of any reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may  
 5 issue a temporary facility sports wagering license. A temporary license issued under this  
 6 subsection is valid for ~~one year~~ the length of the term of the license under subsection 5 or  
 7 until a final determination on the facility sports wagering license application is made,  
 8 whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the applicant is  
 9 eligible for a facility sports wagering license under this chapter, the director shall issue the  
 10 initial facility sports wagering license, at which time the temporary license terminates. The  
 11 initial facility sports wagering license is valid for 4 years from the date that the temporary  
 12 license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license prior to  
 13 September 1, 2024 and for one year from the date that the temporary license was issued by  
 14 the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license on or after September 1, 2024.  
 15 Sports wagering conducted under authority of a temporary license must comply with the  
 16 facility operator's house rules adopted under section 1211.

17 **Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1207, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended  
 18 to read:

19 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed mobile sports wagering license issued prior  
 20 to September 1, 2024 is \$200,000 and for an initial or renewed mobile sports wagering  
 21 license issued on or after September 1, 2024 is \$50,000. The fee must be retained by the  
 22 director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the  
 23 director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an amount equal  
 24 to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any background  
 25 investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee may be  
 26 charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference  
 27 may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

28 **Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1207, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended  
 29 to read:

30 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed  
 31 under this section prior to September 1, 2024 is valid for 4 years and a license granted or  
 32 renewed under this section on or after September 1, 2024 is valid for one year unless sooner  
 33 revoked by the director or the commissioner under section 1205.

34 **Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1207, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended  
 35 to read:

36 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a mobile sports wagering license may submit  
 37 with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license  
 38 must include the initial license fee of ~~\$200,000~~ under subsection 4. If the director  
 39 determines that the applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements  
 40 established by rule for a temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the  
 41 director is not aware of any reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section,  
 42 the director may issue a temporary mobile sports wagering license. A temporary license  
 43 issued under this subsection is valid for ~~one year~~ the length of the term of the license under  
 44 subsection 5 or until a final determination on the mobile sports wagering license application  
 45 is made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the

1 applicant is eligible for a mobile sports wagering license under this chapter, the director  
 2 shall issue the initial mobile sports wagering license, at which time the temporary license  
 3 terminates. The initial mobile sports wagering license is valid for 4 years from the date  
 4 that the temporary license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an  
 5 initial license prior to September 1, 2024 and for one year from the date that the temporary  
 6 license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license on or  
 7 after September 1, 2024. Sports wagering conducted under authority of a temporary license  
 8 must comply with the mobile operator's house rules adopted under section 1211.

9 **Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1208, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended  
 10 to read:

11 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed supplier license issued prior to September  
 12 1, 2024 is \$40,000 and for an initial or renewed supplier license issued on or after  
 13 September 1, 2024 is \$10,000. The fee must be retained by the director for the costs of  
 14 administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the director may charge a  
 15 processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an amount equal to the projected cost of  
 16 processing the application and performing any background investigations. If the actual  
 17 cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee may be charged to meet the actual cost.  
 18 If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant  
 19 or licensee.

20 **Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §1208, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended  
 21 to read:

22 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed  
 23 under this section prior to September 1, 2024 is valid for 4 years and a license granted or  
 24 renewed under this section on or after September 1, 2024 is valid for one year unless sooner  
 25 revoked by the director or the commissioner under section 1205.

26 **Sec. 9. 8 MRSA §1208, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended  
 27 to read:

28 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a supplier license may submit with the  
 29 application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license must  
 30 include the initial license fee of \$40,000 under subsection 4. If the director determines that  
 31 the applicant is qualified under subsection ~~2~~ 1, meets the requirements established by rule  
 32 for a temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of  
 33 any reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue  
 34 a temporary supplier license. A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for  
 35 ~~one year~~ the length of the term of the license under subsection 5 or until a final  
 36 determination on the supplier license application is made, whichever is sooner. If after  
 37 investigation the director determines that the applicant is eligible for a supplier license  
 38 under this chapter, the director shall issue the initial supplier license, at which time the  
 39 temporary license terminates. The initial supplier license is valid for 4 years from the date  
 40 that the temporary license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an  
 41 initial license prior to September 1, 2024 and for one year from the date that the temporary  
 42 license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license on or  
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**Sec. 10. 8 MRSA §1209, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

**4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed management services license issued prior to September 1, 2024 is \$40,000 and for an initial or renewed management services license issued on or after September 1, 2024 is \$10,000. The fee must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

**Sec. 11. 8 MRSA §1209, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

**5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed under this section prior to September 1, 2024 is valid for 4 years and a license granted or renewed under this section on or after September 1, 2024 is valid for one year unless sooner revoked by the director or the commissioner under section 1205.

**Sec. 12. 8 MRSA §1209, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

**6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a management services license may submit with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license must include the initial license fee ~~of \$40,000~~ under subsection 4. If the director determines that the applicant is qualified under subsection 1, meets the requirements established by rule for a temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a temporary management services license. A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for ~~one year~~ the length of the term of the license under subsection 5 or until a final determination on the management services license application is made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the applicant is eligible for a management services license under this chapter, the director shall issue the initial management services license, at which time the temporary license terminates. The initial management services license is valid for 4 years from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license prior to September 1, 2024 and for one year from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license on or after September 1, 2024.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment retains the license fee and license term reductions in the bill but applies those changes to licenses issued on or after September 1, 2024 instead of on or after the effective date of the legislation.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 913, L.D. 2117 (S-583)

1           The amendment also changes the provisions regarding temporary licenses by aligning  
2 the license fees and license terms with the initial or renewed license fees and license terms.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**



Approved: 03/07/24 *MAC*

# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2117

LR 2777(02)

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (LS-583)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

4 year licenses changed to annual  
No net change to revenue over time

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes the license term for certain sports betting-related licenses from a 4-year term to a 1-year term and reduces the associated license fee by a proportional amount. Over time, the net impact on General Fund revenue from these changes will be zero as the revenue received shifts from once every 4 years to yearly with the annual renewals. Since the Gambling Control Unit issued all current licenses in the current fiscal year (2023-24) and doesn't anticipate any new licenses, the changed terms and fees will not impact anticipated revenues until fiscal year 2027-28.