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An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested 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 §1206, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended
3 to read:

4 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license is ~~\$4,000~~
5 \$1,000 and must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In
6 addition to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed
7 license in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and
8 performing any background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost,
9 an additional fee may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the
10 actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

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

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

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

19 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a facility sports wagering license may submit
20 with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license
21 must include the initial license fee of ~~\$4,000~~ \$1,000. If the director determines that the
22 applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by rule for a
23 temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any
24 reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a
25 temporary facility sports wagering license. A temporary license issued under this
26 subsection is valid for one year, unless the director through collaboration with the applicant
27 agrees to extend the term of the license, or until a final determination on the facility sports
28 wagering license application is made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the
29 director determines that the applicant is eligible for a facility sports wagering license under
30 this chapter, the director shall issue the initial facility sports wagering license, at which
31 time the temporary license terminates. The initial facility sports wagering license is valid
32 for ~~4 years~~ one year from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director.
33 Sports wagering conducted under authority of a temporary license must comply with the
34 facility operator's house rules adopted under section 1211.

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

37 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed mobile sports wagering license is ~~\$200,000~~
38 \$50,000 and must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In
39 addition to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed
40 license in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and
41 performing any background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost,
42 an additional fee may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the
43 actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

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

3 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed
4 under this section is valid for ~~4 years~~ one year unless sooner revoked by the director or the
5 commissioner under section 1205.

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

8 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a mobile sports wagering license may submit
9 with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license
10 must include the initial license fee of ~~\$200,000~~ \$50,000. If the director determines that the
11 applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by rule for a
12 temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any
13 reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a
14 temporary mobile sports wagering license. A temporary license issued under this
15 subsection is valid for one year, unless the director through collaboration with the applicant
16 agrees to extend the term of the license, or until a final determination on the mobile sports
17 wagering license application is made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the
18 director determines that the applicant is eligible for a mobile sports wagering license under
19 this chapter, the director shall issue the initial mobile sports wagering license, at which time
20 the temporary license terminates. The initial mobile sports wagering license is valid for 4
21 years one year from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director. Sports
22 wagering conducted under authority of a temporary license must comply with the mobile
23 operator's house rules adopted under section 1211.

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

26 **4. Fees.** The fee for an initial or renewed supplier license is ~~\$40,000~~ \$10,000 and must
27 be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to the
28 license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an
29 amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any
30 background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee
31 may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the
32 difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

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

35 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed
36 under this section is valid for ~~4 years~~ one year unless sooner revoked by the director or the
37 commissioner under section 1205.

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

40 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a supplier license may submit with the
41 application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license must
42 include the initial license fee of ~~\$40,000~~ \$10,000. If the director determines that the
43 applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by rule for a
44 temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any

1 reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a
2 temporary supplier license. A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for
3 one year, unless the director through collaboration with the applicant agrees to extend the
4 term of the license, or until a final determination on the supplier license application is made,
5 whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the applicant is
6 eligible for a supplier license under this chapter, the director shall issue the initial supplier
7 license, at which time the temporary license terminates. The initial supplier license is valid
8 for ~~4-years~~ one year from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director.

9 **Sec. 10. 8 MRSA §1209, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is
10 amended to read:

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

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

20 **5. Term of license.** Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed
21 under this section is valid for ~~4-years~~ one year unless sooner revoked by the director or the
22 commissioner under section 1205.

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

25 **6. Temporary license.** An applicant for a management services license may submit
26 with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license
27 must include the initial license fee of ~~\$40,000~~ \$10,000. If the director determines that the
28 applicant is qualified under subsection 1, meets the requirements established by rule for a
29 temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any
30 reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a
31 temporary management services license. A temporary license issued under this subsection
32 is valid for one year, unless the director through collaboration with the applicant agrees to
33 extend the term of the license, or until a final determination on the management services
34 license application is made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director
35 determines that the applicant is eligible for a management services license under this
36 chapter, the director shall issue the initial management services license, at which time the
37 temporary license terminates. The initial management services license is valid for ~~4-years~~
38 one year from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director.

39 **Sec. 13. Transition.** Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised
40 Statutes, Title 8, section 1206, subsection 5; section 1206, subsection 6; section 1207,
41 subsection 5; section 1207, subsection 6; section 1208, subsection 5; section 1208,
42 subsection 6; section 1209, subsection 5; and section 1209, subsection 6 reducing the terms
43 of 4-year initial or renewed licenses do not affect the length of the terms of licenses issued
44 to licensees as of the effective date of this Act.

1 **SUMMARY**

2 This bill amends the laws governing the regulation of sports wagering licensing. It
3 lowers the fee for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license from \$4,000 to
4 \$1,000, reduces the term of the license from 4 years to one year and provides that the term
5 of a temporary license may be extended. The bill makes similar changes regarding the
6 mobile sports wagering license, except that it lowers the fee from \$200,000 to \$50,000. It
7 also makes similar changes regarding the supplier license and the management services
8 license, except that it lowers the fee from \$40,000 to \$10,000.