

1 "Department" means the department of business, economic
2 development, and tourism.

3 "License" means any license applied for or issued by the
4 department under this chapter, including but not limited to:

5 (1) A sports wagering operator license under section -5
6 to permit a sports wagering operator to operate sports
7 wagering through an approved mobile application or
8 other digital platform that involves, at least in
9 part, the use of the Internet; and

10 (2) A sports wagering supplier license under section -6
11 to sell goods and services to be used in connection
12 with sports wagering but not to directly accept
13 wagers.

14 "National criminal history background check system" means
15 the criminal history record system maintained by the Federal
16 Bureau of Investigation based on fingerprint identification or
17 any other method of positive identification.

18 "Professional sports or athletic event" means an event at
19 which two or more contestants participate in a sports event or
20 athletic event and one or more participants receive
21 compensation.



1 "Qualified gaming entity" means an entity that offers
2 sports wagering through computers, mobile applications, or
3 digital platforms in no less than three jurisdictions in the
4 United States pursuant to a state regulatory structure.

5 "Sports wagering" means the business of accepting wagers on
6 wagering events or portions of wagering events, the individual
7 performance statistics of individuals in wagering events, or a
8 combination of any of the same by any system or method of
9 wagering approved by the department via a sports wagering
10 operator licensee's mobile applications and digital platforms
11 that use communications technology to accept wagers. "Sports
12 wagering" includes but is not limited to single-game bets,
13 teaser bets, parlays, over-under, moneyline, pools, exchange
14 wagering, in-game wagering, in-play bets, proposition bets, and
15 straight bets. "Sports wagering" does not include fantasy
16 contests in which the winning outcome reflects the relative
17 knowledge and skill of the participants and is determined
18 predominantly by the accumulated statistical results of the
19 performance of athletes or individuals in an actual event.

20 "Sports wagering account" means a financial record
21 established by a sports wagering operator for an individual



1 patron in which the patron may deposit and withdraw funds for
2 sports wagering and other authorized purchases and to which the
3 licensed sports wagering operator may credit winnings or other
4 amounts due to that patron or authorized by that patron. A
5 sports wagering account may be established electronically
6 through an approved mobile application or digital platform.

7 "Sports wagering operator" means a sports wagering operator
8 licensee pursuant to section -5.

9 "Sports wagering supplier" means a person that provides
10 geolocation and know your customer services to a sports wagering
11 operator.

12 "Wager" means a sum of money or thing of value risked on an
13 uncertain occurrence.

14 "Wagering event" means any professional sports or athletic
15 event, collegiate sports or athletic event, or amateur sports or
16 athletic event, including but not limited to an Olympic or
17 international sports or athletic event; a motor vehicle race;
18 electronic sports event, also known as e-sports; and any other
19 event as permitted by the department.

20 **§ -2 Authorization of sports wagering; license required.**

21 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, sports wagering



1 and ancillary activities shall be lawful when conducted in
2 accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under this
3 chapter.

4 (b) No person or entity shall engage in any activities in
5 the State that require a license under this chapter unless all
6 necessary licenses have been obtained in accordance with this
7 chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

8 § -3 **Application; criminal history record check.** (a)

9 An application for a license or for renewal of a license
10 required under this chapter shall be submitted on an application
11 form as prescribed by the department. An application submitted
12 to the department shall include the following:

- 13 (1) The full name, current address, and contact
14 information of the applicant;
- 15 (2) Disclosure of each person that has control of the
16 applicant as described in subsection (b);
- 17 (3) Consent to permit the department to conduct a criminal
18 history record check, in accordance with subsection
19 (c), of the applicant and each person disclosed under
20 subsection (b) (2), in accordance with procedures
21 established by the department;



- 1 (4) For the applicant and each person disclosed under
2 subsection (b) (2), a record of previous issuances and
3 denials of a gambling-related license or application
4 in the State or in any other jurisdiction;
- 5 (5) For a sports wagering operator applicant, proof that
6 the sports wagering system, or equipment, systems, or
7 services provided by the sports wagering supplier, has
8 been tested and certified for use in another United
9 States jurisdiction by an independent testing
10 laboratory; and
- 11 (6) Any other information that the department may require
12 by rule.
- 13 (b) The following persons shall be considered to have
14 control of an applicant or a licensee:
- 15 (1) Each corporate holding company, parent company, or
16 subsidiary company of a corporate applicant or
17 licensee and each person who owns fifteen per cent or
18 more of the corporate applicant or licensee and who
19 has the ability to control the activities of the
20 corporate applicant or licensee or elect a majority of
21 the board of directors of that corporate applicant or



1 licensee, except for a bank or other licensed lending
2 institution that holds a mortgage or other lien
3 acquired in the ordinary course of business;

4 (2) Each person associated with a noncorporate applicant
5 or licensee that directly or indirectly holds a
6 beneficial or proprietary interest in the noncorporate
7 applicant's or licensee's business operation or that
8 the department otherwise determines has the ability to
9 control the noncorporate applicant or licensee; and

10 (3) Any executive, employee, or agent of an applicant or
11 licensee who has ultimate decision-making authority
12 over the conduct of the applicant's or licensee's
13 sports wagering operations in the State.

14 (c) The department shall request a criminal history record
15 check in the form the department requires and submit
16 fingerprints for a national criminal records check against the
17 national criminal history background check system. The
18 fingerprints shall be furnished by all persons required to be
19 named in the application and shall be accompanied by a signed
20 authorization for the release of information by a law
21 enforcement agency in the State and the Federal Bureau of



1 Investigation; provided that an individual who has submitted to
2 a criminal history record check in the State or any other state
3 within the previous twelve months shall not be required to
4 submit to another criminal history record check; provided
5 further that the person shall submit the results of the previous
6 criminal history record check to the department and affirm that
7 there has been no material change in the individual's criminal
8 history since the time of the previous criminal history record
9 check.

10 (d) A person licensed under this chapter shall give the
11 department written notice within thirty days of any material
12 change to any information provided in the licensee's application
13 for a license or renewal, including any change in the identity
14 of persons considered to have control of the licensee under
15 subsection (b).

16 (e) The department shall keep all information, records,
17 interviews, reports, statements, memoranda, or other data
18 supplied to or used by the department in the course of its
19 review or investigation of an applicant for a sports wagering
20 operator license confidential. The department shall also keep
21 confidential any trade secret, proprietary information,



1 confidential commercial information, or confidential financial
2 information pertaining to any applicant or licensee.

3 **§ -4 Denial of license; reprimand, suspension, and**
4 **revocation.** The department may deny a license to any applicant,
5 reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if:

6 (1) The applicant or licensee has knowingly made a false
7 statement of material fact to the department;

8 (2) The applicant or licensee has intentionally not
9 disclosed the existence or identity of other persons
10 that have control of the applicant or licensee as
11 required by section -3;

12 (3) The applicant or licensee has had a license revoked by
13 any government authority responsible for regulation of
14 gambling or gaming activities;

15 (4) The applicant has been convicted of a crime of moral
16 turpitude, gambling-related offense, theft or fraud
17 offense, or has otherwise demonstrated, either by a
18 police record or other satisfactory evidence, a lack
19 of respect for law and order;

20 (5) The applicant or licensee has not demonstrated to the
21 satisfaction of the department financial



1 responsibility sufficient to adequately meet the
2 requirements of the licensed business or proposed
3 business; or

4 (6) An applicant has not met the requirements of this
5 section or any other provision of this chapter.

6 § -5 **Sports wagering operator license; issuance; fees;**
7 **term of license; temporary license.** (a) The department shall
8 issue a sports wagering operator license to an applicant that
9 meets all requirements of this section, section -3, and rules
10 adopted under this chapter and that has not violated any
11 provision of this chapter; provided that this section shall not
12 be interpreted to direct the department to license an
13 unqualified applicant. The department shall establish a process
14 that ensures an equal opportunity for sports wagering operators
15 that submitted an application within thirty days of applications
16 first being accepted by the department to first commence
17 offering, conducting, and operating sports wagering on the same
18 day.

19 (b) Only a qualified gaming entity shall be eligible to
20 apply for a sports wagering operator license.



1 (c) A sports wagering operator license granted by the
2 department pursuant to this section shall grant a licensee the
3 lawful authority to conduct sports wagering through a mobile
4 application or digital platform approved by the department and
5 any rules adopted under this chapter.

6 (d) The fee for an initial or renewal sports wagering
7 operator license shall be \$; provided that the fee
8 shall be retained by the department for the costs of
9 administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the
10 department may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewal
11 sports wagering operator license in an amount equal to the
12 projected cost of processing the application and performing any
13 background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the
14 projected cost, an additional fee may be charged to meet the
15 actual cost; provided that if the projected cost exceeds the
16 actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant or
17 licensee.

18 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f), a license
19 granted or renewed under this section shall be valid for three
20 years, unless sooner revoked by the department pursuant to
21 section -4.



1 (f) An applicant for a sports wagering operator license
2 may submit with the application a request to the department for
3 the immediate commencement of sports wagering through a
4 temporary license; provided that this request shall include the
5 initial temporary license fee of \$ payable to the
6 department. Upon receiving a request for a temporary license,
7 the department shall review the request. If the department
8 determines that the entity requesting the temporary license is a
9 qualified gaming entity, has paid the initial temporary license
10 fee, and has submitted an application for a sports wagering
11 operator license, the department shall authorize the qualified
12 gaming entity to conduct sports wagering for three years under a
13 temporary license or until a final determination on the sports
14 wagering operator's license application is made. Sports
15 wagering conducted under authority of a temporary license shall
16 comply with the sports wagering operator's house rules adopted
17 pursuant to section -7. The department shall establish a
18 process that ensures an equal opportunity for all temporary
19 licensees that submitted an application within thirty days of
20 applications first being accepted by the department to commence
21 offering, conducting, and operating sports wagering on the same



1 day, which may be before the date established for licensees that
2 are not eligible for a temporary license.

3 § -6 Sports wagering supplier license; issuance; fees;

4 term of license; temporary license. (a) The department shall
5 issue a sports wagering supplier license upon finding that the
6 applicant meets all the requirements of this section,
7 section -3, and rules adopted under this chapter.

8 (b) An applicant for a sports wagering supplier license
9 shall demonstrate that the equipment, systems, or services that
10 the applicant plans to offer to a sports wagering operator
11 conform to standards established by the department by rule. The
12 department may accept approval by another jurisdiction that is
13 specifically determined by the department to have similar
14 equipment standards as evidence that the applicant meets the
15 standards established by the department.

16 (c) A sports wagering supplier license granted by the
17 department pursuant to this section shall grant a licensee
18 lawful authority to sell or lease sports wagering equipment,
19 systems, or services to sports wagering operators in the State
20 within the terms and conditions of the license and any rules
21 adopted under this chapter.



1 (d) The fee for an initial or renewal sports wagering
2 supplier license shall be \$; provided that the fee
3 shall be retained by the department for the costs of
4 administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the
5 department may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed
6 license in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing
7 the application and performing any background investigations.
8 If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee
9 may be charged to meet the actual cost; provided that if the
10 projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference may be
11 refunded to the applicant or licensee.

12 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f), a license
13 granted or renewed under this section shall be valid for three
14 years unless sooner revoked by the department under
15 section -4.

16 (f) An applicant for a sports wagering supplier license
17 may submit with the application a request for a temporary
18 license; provided that the request for a temporary license shall
19 include the initial temporary license fee of \$. If
20 the department determines that the applicant is qualified under
21 subsection (b), meets the requirements established by rule for a



1 temporary license, and has paid the initial temporary license
2 fee and the department is not aware of any reason the applicant
3 is ineligible for a license under this section, the department
4 shall issue a temporary sports wagering supplier license. A
5 temporary sports wagering supplier license issued under this
6 subsection shall be valid for three years or until a final
7 determination on the sports wagering supplier license
8 application is made, whichever is sooner. If after
9 investigation the department determines that the applicant is
10 eligible for a sports wagering supplier license under this
11 chapter, the department shall issue the initial sports wagering
12 supplier license, at which time the temporary license shall be
13 terminated.

14 **§ -7 Sports wagering; house rules.** (a) A sports
15 wagering operator shall adopt comprehensive house rules for game
16 play governing sports wagering transactions with its patrons.
17 The rules shall specify the amounts to be paid on winning
18 wagers, the circumstances under which the sports wagering
19 operator will void a bet, treatment of errors, late bets and
20 related contingencies, and the effect of schedule changes. The



1 department shall approve house rules before implementation by a
2 sports wagering operator.

3 (b) The house rules, together with any other information
4 the department determines to be appropriate, shall be available
5 in the sports wagering system.

6 § -8 **Sports wagering operator; duties.** A sports
7 wagering operator shall:

8 (1) Employ a monitoring system using software to identify
9 irregularities in volume or odds swings that could
10 signal suspicious activity that requires further
11 investigation; provided that the suspicious activity
12 shall be promptly reported to and investigated by the
13 department; provided further that monitoring system
14 requirements and specifications shall be in accordance
15 with industry standards;

16 (2) Promptly report to the department any facts or
17 circumstances related to the operation of a licensee
18 that constitute a violation of state or federal law
19 and immediately report any suspicious betting over a
20 threshold amount, to be set by the sports wagering
21 operator and approved by the department;



- 1 (3) Conduct all sports wagering activities and functions
2 in a manner that does not pose a threat to the public
3 health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the
4 State;
- 5 (4) Keep current in all payments and obligations to the
6 department;
- 7 (5) Prevent any person from tampering with or interfering
8 with any sports wagering;
- 9 (6) Ensure that sports wagering occurs using only a mobile
10 application or digital platform approved by the
11 department that uses communications technology to
12 accept wagers originating in the State or in a state
13 or jurisdiction approved by the department and
14 consistent with federal law;
- 15 (7) Conspicuously display the minimum and maximum wagers
16 permitted on any mobile application or digital
17 platform used to place wagers and shall comply with
18 the same;
- 19 (8) At all times, maintain sufficient cash and other
20 supplies to conduct sports wagering;



1 (9) Maintain daily records showing the gross sports
2 wagering receipts and adjusted gross sports wagering
3 receipts of the licensee; and

4 (10) Timely file with the department any additional reports
5 required by this chapter or by rule adopted under this
6 chapter.

7 § -9 **Sports wagering agreements.** (a) The department
8 shall be authorized to:

9 (1) Enter into sports wagering agreements with other
10 states, territories, nations, jurisdictions,
11 governments, or other entities to accept wagers from
12 individuals located outside the State; provided that
13 entering into the sports wagering agreement shall not
14 violate state or federal law; and

15 (2) Take all necessary actions to ensure that any sports
16 wagering agreement entered into pursuant to this
17 section becomes effective.

18 (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
19 to implement this section.

20 § -10 **Acceptance of wagers; excluded persons.** (a) A
21 sports wagering operator shall accept wagers on wagering events



1 only through mobile applications or digital platforms approved
2 by the department or a patron's sports wagering account using a
3 mobile application or digital platform approved by the
4 department. The branding for each mobile application or digital
5 platform shall be determined by the sports wagering operator.

6 (b) A sports wagering operator shall allow patrons to fund
7 a sports wagering account using:

8 (1) A credit card or debit card;

9 (2) Bonuses or promotions;

10 (3) Electronic bank transfer;

11 (4) An online or mobile payment system that supports
12 online money transfers; and

13 (5) Any other means approved by the department.

14 (c) A person placing a wager shall be eighteen years of
15 age or older and be physically located in the State. No person
16 shall offer sports wagering at a physical location via kiosks,
17 computer terminals, or other means established for that purpose.

18 (d) A sports wagering operator may accept layoff wagers
19 placed by other sports wagering operators and may place layoff
20 wagers with other sports wagering operators as long as a sports
21 wagering operator that places a wager with another sports



1 wagering operator informs the sports wagering operator accepting
2 the wager that the wager is being placed by a sports wagering
3 operator and discloses the sports wagering operator's identity.

4 (e) The department or a sports wagering operator may
5 prohibit a person from placing wagers through a sports wagering
6 operator. The department shall maintain a log of all excluded
7 persons and share the log with each sports wagering operator.
8 No person on the department's exclusion list or a sports
9 wagering operator's exclusion list shall engage in sports
10 wagering under this chapter.

11 (f) No employee of a sports wagering operator shall place
12 a wager on any wagering event through a mobile application or
13 digital platform of that employee's employer.

14 **§ -11 Sports wagering revenues; tax.** (a) For the
15 privilege of holding a license to engage in sports wagering as a
16 sports wagering operator or sports wagering supplier under this
17 chapter, there is hereby levied and shall be assessed and
18 collected a tax equal to per cent of the adjusted gross
19 sports wagering receipts and per cent of the gross receipts
20 of a sports wagering supplier. The accrual method of accounting



1 shall be used for purposes of calculating the amount of the tax
2 owed by the licensee.

3 (b) Tax revenues collected under this section shall be
4 deposited into the sports wagering special fund established by
5 section -15.

6 (c) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
7 91 and develop any forms necessary to enforce this section.

8 § -12 **Civil violation.** Except as provided in
9 section -13, a violation of any provision of this chapter
10 shall be a civil violation. The department may impose a fine of
11 no more than \$5,000 on any person who violates this chapter and
12 shall not be limited to persons licensed under this chapter.

13 § -13 **Unlicensed sports wagering; penalties.** (a) Any
14 person other than a licensee under this chapter who conducts
15 sports wagering shall be subject to a fine of no more than
16 \$10,000 or a term of imprisonment of no more than ninety days,
17 or both.

18 (b) A person convicted of a second violation of subsection
19 (a) shall be subject to a fine of no more than \$50,000 or a term
20 of imprisonment of no more than six months, or both.



1 (c) A person convicted of a third or subsequent violation
2 of subsection (a) shall be subject to a fine of no less than
3 \$25,000 and no more than \$100,000 or a term of imprisonment of
4 no less than one year and no more than five years, or both.

5 § -14 **Exemption from gambling.** Sports wagering operated
6 by a sports wagering operator that is licensed under this
7 chapter and in compliance with this chapter shall not constitute
8 a gambling offense under part III of chapter 712.

9 § -15 **Sports wagering special fund.** (a) There is
10 established in the state treasury the sports wagering special
11 fund, to be administered by the department of law enforcement
12 and into which shall be deposited:

13 (1) Tax revenues collected pursuant to section -11;

14 (2) Any moneys appropriated by the legislature to the
15 special fund; and

16 (3) The interest or return on investments earned from
17 moneys in the special fund.

18 (b) Moneys from the sports wagering special fund shall be
19 used by the department of law enforcement to:



- 1 (1) Enforce any violation of gambling offenses as provided
- 2 in part III of chapter 712, including deterrence of
- 3 illegal game room operations and online gambling; and
- 4 (2) Create a gambling mitigation program."

5 SECTION 2. Section 712-1220, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 6 amended by amending the definitions of "contest of chance" and
 7 "gambling" to read as follows:

8 ""Contest of chance" means any contest, game, gaming
 9 scheme, or gaming device in which the outcome depends in a
 10 material degree upon an element of chance, notwithstanding that
 11 skill of the contestants may also be a factor therein. "Contest
 12 of chance" does not include sports wagering pursuant to
 13 chapter _____.

14 "Gambling"~~["A person engages in gambling if he stakes or~~
 15 ~~risks]~~ means staking or risking something of value upon the
 16 outcome of a contest of chance or a future contingent event not
 17 under ~~[his]~~ a person's control or influence, upon an agreement
 18 or understanding that ~~[he]~~ the person or someone else will
 19 receive something of value in the event of a certain outcome.

20 ~~[Gambling]~~ "Gambling" does not include ~~[bona]~~:



1 (1) Bona fide business transactions valid under the law of
2 contracts, including but not limited to contracts for
3 the purchase or sale at a future date of securities or
4 commodities~~[, and agreements]~~;

5 (2) Agreements to compensate for loss caused by the
6 happening of chance, including but not limited to
7 contracts of indemnity or guaranty and life, health,
8 or accident insurance~~[.];~~ and

9 (3) Sports wagering authorized pursuant to chapter and
10 placing wagers on wagering events or portions of
11 wagering events, the individual performance statistics
12 of individuals in wagering events, or a combination of
13 any of the same by any system or method of wagering
14 pursuant to chapter ."

15 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
17 begun before its effective date.

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

Report Title:

Sports Wagering; Sports Wagering Operators; Sports Wagering Suppliers; Sports Wagering Special Fund; License

Description:

Allows for the regulation of sports wagering by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Establishes licensing requirements for sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers. Creates a Sports Wagering Special Fund. Specifies that sports wagering shall not be considered games of chance or gambling. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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