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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FANTASY CONTESTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by

 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read

 as follows:

 "CHAPTER

 FANTASY CONTESTS ACT
- 6 § -1 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the 7 "Fantasy Contests Act".
- 8 -2 Definitions. As used in this chapter:
- 9 "Confidential information" means information related to the 10 playing of a fantasy contest by fantasy contest players obtained 11 as a result of or by virtue of a person's employment.
- "Department" means the department of the attorney general.
- "Entry fee" means cash or cash equivalent that is required
- 14 to be paid by a fantasy contest player to a fantasy contest
- 15 operator to participate in a paid fantasy contest.
- "Fantasy contest" means any fantasy or simulated game or
- 17 contest in which:



1	(1)	The value of all prizes and awards offered to winning
2		participants is established and made known to the
3		participants in advance of the contest;
4	(2)	All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge
5		and skill of the participants and are determined
6		predominantly by accumulated statistical results of
7		the performance of individuals, including athletes in
8		the case of sporting events; and
9	(3)	No winning outcome is based on the score, point
10		spread, or any performance or performances of any
11		single actual team or combination of teams or solely
12		on any single performance of an individual athlete or
13		player in any single actual event.
14	"Fan	tasy contest operator" means a person or entity that
15	offers fa	ntasy contests for a cash prize to members of the
16	public.	
17	"Fan	tasy contest player" means a person who participates in
18	a fantasy	contest offered by a fantasy contest operator.
19	"Pai	d fantasy contest" means a fantasy contest with an

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entry fee.

1	8 .	-3 Registration of Tantasy Contest Operators: (a)
2	Every fant	tasy contest operator shall register with the
3	department	prior to offering any fantasy contest for a cash
4	prize to T	members of the public in the State.
5	(b)	The department may make available a registration form
6	to assist	in the registration by fantasy contest operators.
7	(c)	Each application for registration shall be accompanied
8	by a fee	in the amount of \$25,000.
9	§ ·	-4 Protection of players. (a) In connection with any
10	paid fanta	asy contest, a fantasy contest operator shall:
11	(1)	Prevent employees of the fantasy contest operator, and
12		relatives living in the same household as those
13		employees, from competing in any fantasy contest
14		offered to the public by any fantasy contest operator
15		in which the operator offers a cash prize;
16	(2)	Prevent sharing of confidential information that could
17		affect fantasy contest play with third parties until
18		the information is made publicly available;
19	(3)	Prevent the game operator from being a participant in
20		a fantasy game offered by the fantasy contest
21		operator;

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1	(4)	Verify t	that	a	fantasy	contest	player	is	at	least
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- in a game or contest that is the subject of a fantasy contest will be restricted from entering a fantasy contest that is determined, in whole or in part, on the accumulated statistical results of a team of individuals in the game or contest in which they are a player;
- (6) Allow individuals to restrict themselves from entering a fantasy contest upon request and take reasonable steps to prevent those individuals from entering the fantasy contest operator's fantasy contests;
- (7) Disclose the number of entries a single fantasy contest player may submit to each fantasy contest and take reasonable steps to prevent players from submitting more than the allowable number; and
- (8) Segregate player funds from operational funds and maintain a reserve in the form of cash, cash equivalents, an irrevocable letter of credit, a bond, or a combination thereof, in the amount of the

1	deposits in player accounts for the benefit and					
2	protection of authorized fantasy contest players'					
3	funds held in fantasy contest accounts.					
4	(b) At least once during each calendar year, a fantasy					
5	contest operator offering fantasy contests in the State shall					
6	cause a certified public accountant licensed under chapter 466					
7	to perform an independent audit, consistent with the standards					
8	established by the board of public accountancy, to ensure					
9	compliance with all of the requirements of this chapter. The					
10	fantasy contest operator shall submit the results of the					
11	independent audit to the department.					
12	(c) This section shall only apply to paid fantasy					
13	contests.					
14	§ -5 Penalties. Any person, firm, corporation,					
15	association, agent, or employee who violates any provision of					
16	this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more					
17	than \$1,000 for each violation, which shall accrue to the State					
18	and may be recovered in a civil action brought by the					
19	department.					
20	§ -6 Exemption from gambling. Fantasy contests operated					

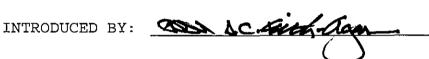
by a fantasy contest operator that is registered under this

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1 chapter shall be exempt from part III of chapter 712, Hawaii 2 Revised Statutes." 3 SECTION 2. Section 712-1220, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 amended by amending the definitions of "contest of chance" and 5 "gambling" to read as follows: ""Contest of chance" means any contest, game, gaming 6 7 scheme, or gaming device in which the outcome depends in a 8 material degree upon an element of chance, notwithstanding that 9 skill of the contestants may also be a factor therein [-]; 10 provided that a contest of chance shall not include a fantasy 11 contest pursuant to chapter . "Gambling". A person engages in gambling if [he] that **12** 13 person stakes or risks something of value upon the outcome of a 14 contest of chance or a future contingent event not under [his] 15 that person's control or influence, upon an agreement or 16 understanding that [he] that person or someone else will receive 17 something of value in the event of a certain outcome. Gambling 18 does not include bona fide business transactions valid under the 19 law of contracts, including but not limited to contracts for the 20 purchase or sale at a future date of securities or commodities, 21 and agreements to compensate for loss caused by the happening of

- chance, including but not limited to contracts of indemnity or 1
- 2 quaranty and life, health, or accident insurance [-]; provided
- that gambling shall not include activities authorized for a 3
- 4 fantasy contest pursuant to chapter ."
- 5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 6
- 7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Fantasy Contests; Authorization; Regulation

Description:

Provides for the authorization and regulation of fantasy contests. Establishes consumer protections for participants. Clarifies that fantasy contests shall not be considered gambling or games of chance.

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