

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to fees; creating s. 849.551, F.S.;  
 3           requiring applicants for a fantasy contest operator  
 4           license to pay a specified application fee to the  
 5           Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department  
 6           of Business and Professional Regulation; requiring  
 7           contest operators to pay a specified annual license  
 8           renewal fee to the division; requiring applicants and  
 9           contest operators to provide certain written evidence  
 10          to the division; requiring contest operators to remit  
 11          certain fees to the division; requiring contest  
 12          operators to pay a monthly operating fee; specifying  
 13          that the costs for certain fingerprint processing and  
 14          retention shall be borne by applicants; authorizing  
 15          the division to charge a specified handling fee  
 16          relating to fingerprint processing; requiring certain  
 17          fees to be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering  
 18          Trust Fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 22           Section 1. Section 849.551, Florida Statutes, is created  
 23 to read:

24           849.551 Fees.—

25           (1) An applicant for a license as a contest operator shall

26 | pay an initial license application fee of \$1 million to the  
27 | division, and an applicant seeking to renew a contest operator  
28 | license shall pay an annual license renewal fee of \$250,000 to  
29 | the division. The division shall require a contest operator  
30 | applicant to provide written evidence of the proposed amount of  
31 | entry fees and cash or cash equivalents to be paid to contest  
32 | participants during the annual license period. Before a contest  
33 | operator license may be renewed, a contest operator must provide  
34 | written evidence to the division of the actual entry fees  
35 | collected and cash or cash equivalents paid to contest  
36 | participants during the previous period of licensure and must  
37 | remit to the division any difference in a license fee which  
38 | results from the difference between the proposed amount of entry  
39 | fees and cash or cash equivalents paid to contest participants  
40 | and the actual amounts collected and paid during the previous  
41 | period of licensure.

42 | (2) A monthly operating fee is imposed upon every contest  
43 | operator and shall be paid by the contest operator to the  
44 | division not later than the 20th day of each month. The monthly  
45 | operating fee is equal to \$1 per contest participant who paid an  
46 | entry fee to the contest operator during the previous calendar  
47 | month.

48 | (3) Fees for fingerprint processing and retention shall be  
49 | borne by an applicant for a contest operator license. The state  
50 | cost for fingerprint processing shall be as provided in s.

51 943.053(3)(e) for records provided to persons or entities other  
52 than those specified as exceptions therein.

53 (4) The division also may charge a \$2 handling fee for  
54 each set of fingerprints submitted for a contest operator  
55 license.

56 (5) All fees collected by the division under this section  
57 shall be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date  
59 that CS/HB 9A or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
60 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
61 extension thereof and becomes a law.