

By the Committees on Fiscal Policy; and Regulated Industries;  
and Senator Hutson

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to fees; creating s. 546.151, F.S.;  
3 requiring applicants for a fantasy sports contest  
4 operator license to pay a specified application fee;  
5 requiring contest operators to pay a specified annual  
6 license renewal fee; prohibiting such fees from  
7 exceeding a specified amount; requiring applicants and  
8 contest operators to provide certain written evidence;  
9 requiring contest operators to remit certain fees;  
10 specifying that the costs for certain fingerprint  
11 processing and retention are borne by applicants;  
12 authorizing the Florida Gaming Control Commission to  
13 charge a specified handling fee related to fingerprint  
14 processing; requiring that certain fees be deposited  
15 into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; providing a  
16 contingent effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Section 546.151, Florida Statutes, is created to  
21 read:

22 546.151 Fees.—

23 (1) An applicant for a license as a fantasy sports contest  
24 operator shall pay an initial license application fee of  
25 \$500,000 to the commission, and an applicant seeking to renew a  
26 fantasy sports contest operator license shall pay an annual  
27 license renewal fee of \$250,000 to the commission; however, the  
28 respective fees may not exceed 10 percent of the difference  
29 between the amount of entry fees collected by a contest operator

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30 from the operation of fantasy sports contests in this state and  
31 the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid to contest  
32 participants in this state. The commission shall require a  
33 contest operator applicant to provide written evidence of the  
34 proposed amount of entry fees and cash or cash equivalents to be  
35 paid to contest participants during the annual license period.  
36 Before a license renewal, a contest operator must provide  
37 written evidence to the commission of the actual entry fees  
38 collected and cash or cash equivalents paid to contest  
39 participants during the previous period of licensure. Before a  
40 license renewal, a contest operator must remit to the commission  
41 any difference in a license fee which results from the  
42 difference between the proposed amount of entry fees and cash or  
43 cash equivalents paid to contest participants and the actual  
44 amounts collected and paid during the previous period of  
45 licensure.

46 (2) Fees for state and federal fingerprint processing and  
47 retention shall be borne by an applicant for a contest operator  
48 license. The state cost for fingerprint processing shall be as  
49 provided in s. 943.053(3) (e) for records provided to persons or  
50 entities other than those specified as exceptions therein.

51 (3) The commission also may charge a \$2 handling fee for  
52 each set of fingerprints submitted for a contest operator  
53 license.

54 (4) All fees collected by the commission under this section  
55 shall be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
57 SB 1568 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation  
58 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension

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59 thereof and becomes a law.