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A bill to be entitled An act relating to fees; creating s. 849.551, F.S.; requiring applicants for a fantasy contest operator license to pay a specified application fee to the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; requiring contest operators to pay a specified annual license renewal fee to the division; requiring applicants and contest operators to provide certain written evidence to the division; requiring contest operators to remit certain fees to the division; requiring contest operators to pay a monthly operating fee; specifying that the costs for certain fingerprint processing and retention shall be borne by applicants; authorizing the division to charge a specified handling fee relating to fingerprint processing; requiring certain fees to be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 849.551, Florida Statutes, is created Section 1. to read: 849.551 Fees.-An applicant for a license as a contest operator shall (1)

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pay an initial license application fee of \$1 million to the division, and an applicant seeking to renew a contest operator license shall pay an annual license renewal fee of \$250,000 to the division. The division shall require a contest operator applicant to provide written evidence of the proposed amount of entry fees and cash or cash equivalents to be paid to contest participants during the annual license period. Before a contest operator license may be renewed, a contest operator must provide written evidence to the division of the actual entry fees collected and cash or cash equivalents paid to contest participants during the previous period of licensure and must remit to the division any difference in a license fee which results from the difference between the proposed amount of entry fees and cash or cash equivalents paid to contest participants and the actual amounts collected and paid during the previous period of licensure.

- (2) A monthly operating fee is imposed upon every contest operator and shall be paid by the contest operator to the commission not later than the 20th day of each month. The monthly operating fee is equal to \$1 per contest participant who paid an entry fee to the contest operator during the previous calendar month.
- (3) Fees for fingerprint processing and retention shall be borne by an applicant for a contest operator license. The state cost for fingerprint processing shall be as provided in s.

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

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

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.