

By 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 contest operator  
4       license to pay a specified application fee; requiring  
5       contest operators to pay a specified annual license  
6       renewal fee; prohibiting such fees from exceeding a  
7       specified amount; requiring applicants and contest  
8       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 shall be borne by applicants;  
12      authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering  
13      within the Department of Business and Professional  
14      Regulation to charge a specified handling fee related  
15      to fingerprint processing; requiring certain fees to  
16      be deposited into the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund;  
17      providing a contingent effective date.

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

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

23       546.151 Fees.—

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

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30 collected by a contest operator from the operation of fantasy  
31 sports contests in this state and the amount of cash or cash  
32 equivalents paid to contest participants in this state. The  
33 division shall require a contest operator applicant to provide  
34 written evidence of the proposed amount of entry fees and cash  
35 or cash equivalents to be paid to contest participants during  
36 the annual license period. Before a license renewal, a contest  
37 operator shall provide written evidence to the division of the  
38 actual entry fees collected and cash or cash equivalents paid to  
39 contest participants during the previous period of licensure.  
40 Before a license renewal, a contest operator shall remit to the  
41 division 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 division also may charge a \$2 handling fee for each  
52 set of fingerprints submitted for a contest operator license.

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

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
56 SB 16A or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation  
57 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension  
58 thereof and becomes a law.