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Member of the General Assembly
200 E. Colfax Ave.
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Dear Member of the General Assembly:

Section 24-4-103(3)(a.5), C.R.S., directs State agencies to send written or electronic notification to each member of the general assembly notifying the members of proposed rule-making that increases fees or fines and specifying the amount of the increase of fees and fines. Pursuant to that statute, please allow this letter to serve as notification that on September 19, 2023, the Division of Gaming (Division) of the Department of Revenue Specialized Business Group filed notice with the Colorado Secretary of State to commence permanent rule-making regarding licensing and registration fees for fantasy contest operators. Stakeholders have been encouraged to provide feedback on this matter to the Director of the Division at the September 1, 2023, Stakeholder Session and the October 30, 2023 Rulemaking Hearing.

The Director of the Division has the authority to establish fees for registration of small fantasy contest operators and fees for licensing, renewal, and reinstatement of fantasy contest operators under section 44-30-203(2)(a.5), C.R.S. Further, applicants for fantasy contest licenses must pay licensure, renewal, and reinstatement fees established by the Director of the Division under section 44-30-1606(1)(b), C.R.S.

Based on the Division's duties associated with the fantasy contest industry under part 16 of Article 30 of Title 44, C.R.S., the average thirty-five (35) licensees and applicants each year, as well as the needs of the Division's regulatory program, the Division is requesting that the fees associated with the industry be established as bi-ennial in the amount of \$350 for each small contest operator registration fee. The \$350 registration fee will cover a portion of the Division's time and costs associated with the registration intake process, the verification of contests and registration

Additionally, the Division is requesting the licensing fee be paid on a biennial basis and therefore increase from \$7,500 to \$15,000, to reflect the change in licensing from annual to once every two years.

The complete rule change proposal is available on the Division of Gaming's website at: <https://sbg.colorado.gov/fantasy-contests-stakeholder-workshop-of-september-1-2023>.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director