

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION



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Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the House State & Local Government Committee:

The Ohio Casino Control Commission would like to convey our support of amendment 134-1691 for House Bill 203 as submitted by Representative Powell.

The Commission has regulatory oversight of casino gaming, fantasy contests and skill-based amusement machines. To participate in these forms of gaming, individuals and businesses must first obtain a license from the Commission. All licenses issued by the Commission are valid for three years and may be renewed.

As of October 7, the following licenses have been approved by the Commission:

Licenses Related to Casino Gaming	
Individual Licenses	
Casino Gaming Employee Licenses Issued/Renewed	16,727*
Key Employee Licenses Issued/Renewed	1,278*
Business Licenses	
Casino Operator Licenses Issued/Renewed	16
Management Company Licenses Issued/Renewed	4
Holding Company Licenses Issued/Renewed	1
Gaming-Related Vendor Licenses Issued/Renewed	105
Licenses Related to Skill-Based Amusement Machines	
Individual Licenses	
Key Employee Licenses Issued	620*
Business Licenses	
Skill-Based Amusement Machine Vendor Licenses Issued	24
Skill-Based Amusement Machine Type-B Operator Licenses Issued	29
Skill-Based Amusement Machine Type-C Operator Licenses Issued	135
Skill-Based Amusement Machine Location Licenses Issued	476
Licenses Related to Fantasy Sports	
Business Licenses	
Fantasy Contest Operator Licenses Issued	18*

*- Licenses issued by the Commission currently subject to the provisions of HB 203

Regarding HB 203, the bill currently applies the reciprocal occupational license framework in proposed R.C. section 9.79 to fantasy contest operators. However, this license type is not an occupational license. The license instead is one that allows operators like DraftKings, FanDuel, and Yahoo!, as well as several smaller operators, to offer fantasy sports contests in the state. These operators are not required to have any individual seek or obtain an occupational license

The amendment under your consideration would remove the references to fantasy contest operators to help clarify that fantasy contest operator licenses are not occupational licenses.

The Commission appreciates the Committee's attention to this matter, and respectfully requests adoption of the amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew T. Schuler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Matthew T. Schuler
Executive Director