

HB 1941 -- FANTASY SPORTS EXEMPTION (Fitzpatrick)

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This bill exempts certain fantasy sports contests, which may have entry fees and prizes, from gaming laws if they are based on statistical aggregates of player performance across different games and not upon individual game scores or individual player performance. The bill requires operators offering fantasy contests with an entry fee to register with the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Profession Registration and pay a registration fee. It also requires safeguards to prevent individuals who would have an unfair advantage from participating in fantasy contests, such as employees or individuals who participate in or officiate the sporting event.