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I am in Favor of this National and all 50-State Background Check of Applicants for various Licenses.



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HB 3154 authorizes fingerprint-based criminal background checks while simultaneously granting administrative agencies broad discretionary authority to access and use criminal history records outside the traditional limitations of Section 610.120.

The bill provides no statutory standards governing how criminal history will be evaluated, what offenses are disqualifying, or what procedural protections applicants will receive.

Additionally, the bill introduces the concept of “sports districts” in which sports wagering activity may occur with the approval of private professional sports teams—effectively granting private entities influence over the geographic boundaries of regulated gambling activity.

If the General Assembly intends to expand background surveillance and create stadium-centered gambling zones, those policy decisions should be debated openly and governed by clear statutory standards.

HB 3154 instead delegates substantial regulatory authority to administrative agencies and private actors with minimal legislative guidance.

That structure raises serious concerns regarding transparency, accountability, and proper legislative oversight.



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