

DLL currently has limited criminal background check abilities via VCIC related only to Vermont state criminal records.

For DLL to conduct background check capabilities for the sports wagering program we will need such authority be established via H.127, § 1 adding a new 31 V.S.A. § 1307 to read:

(a) The Department shall obtain from the Vermont Crime Information Center a copy of a fingerprint-based Vermont criminal history records, out-of-state criminal history records, and criminal history records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each operator applicant, principal of an operator applicant, and person who controls an operator applicant who is a natural person.

(b) The Board's procedures authorized pursuant to 31 V.S.A. § 1320 shall set forth standards for determining whether an operator applicant should not be selected for a contract or agreement with the Department to conduct a sportsbook because of a criminal history record of the operator applicant, principal of an operator applicant, or person who controls an operator applicant who is a natural person.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Department may accept third-party criminal background checks submitted by an operator applicant, principal of an operator applicant, and person who controls an operator applicant who is a natural person in lieu of obtaining from the Vermont Crime Information Center a copy of the person's Vermont fingerprint-based criminal history records, out-of-state criminal history records, and criminal history records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any such third-party background check shall:

(1) be conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or background screening company that is in compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act; and

(2) include a multistate and multi-jurisdiction criminal record locator.

(d) The Department shall establish a user agreement with the Vermont Crime Information Center in accordance with 20 V.S.A. chapter 117 for the purpose of obtaining Vermont criminal history records, out-of-state criminal history records, and criminal history records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation as provided in this section