SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Form 730,Monthly Tax Return for Wagers

OMB Control Number 1545-0235

1. **CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 4401(a)(1) imposes a .25 percent (.0025) tax on the amount of any wager authorized under state law. IRC Section 4401(a)(2) imposes a 2 percent (.02) excise tax on the amount of any wager not taxed at the .25 percent rate. Regulations Section 44.6011(a)-1(a) states that Form 730 is to be used on a monthly basis to report the wagers and pay the tax. Respondents are businesses or other for-profits in the business of accepting wagers, that conduct a wagering pool or lottery, or are required to be registered and you received wagers for or on behalf of another person but did not report that person’s name and address.

1. **USE OF DATA**

The information is used by the IRS to verify that the respondent is complying with the law by correctly reporting the wagers and paying the tax.

1. **USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN**

The IRS has no plans at this time to offer electronic filing due to the low number of filers.

1. **EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION**

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaption from another source.

1. **METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES**

The IRS proactively works with both internal and external stakeholders to minimize the burden on small businesses, while maintaining tax compliance. The IRS also seeks input regarding the burden estimates from the public via notices and tax product instructions. The IRS will continue to find ways to reduce the burden on small businesses or other small entities.

1. **CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES**

The information required is needed to verify compliance with Section 4401 of the IRC and the Treasury Regulations. A less frequent collection of taxes and tax information could adversely affect the government’s effectiveness and would reduce the oversight of the public in ensuring compliance with IRC and hinder the IRS from meeting its mission.

1. **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)**

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

**8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS**

The IRS received no comments during the public comment period in response to the Federal Register notice (89 FR 24571), dated April 8, 2024.

1. **EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS**

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

1. **ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES**

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

1. **JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the “Business Master File, BMF” and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) have been issued for this system under IRS 24.046 – Customer Account Data Engine Business Master File, and IRS 34.037 – IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service PIAs can be found at

<https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/privacy-impact-assessments-pia>.

Title 26 U.S.C. 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

1. **ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION**

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| **Authority** | **Description** | **# of Respondents** | **# Responses per Respondent** | **Annual Responses** | **Hours per Response** | **Total Burden Hours** |
| IRC § 4401 | Form 730 | 1,483 | 12 | 17,796 | 8.19 | 145,749 |
| **Totals** |  | **1,483** |  | **17,796** |  | **145,749** |

The following regulations impose no additional burden. Please continue to assign OMB number 1545-0235 to these regulations:

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| 44.4401-1 | 44.6001-1 | 44.6071-1(a) | 44.6151-1 | 44.6419-2 |
| 44.4403-1 | 44.6011(a)-1 | 44.6091-1 | 44.6419-1 |  |

1. **ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS**

There are no start-up or maintenance costs for this collection. The collection does not require respondents to obtain specialized equipment or professional services.

**14.** **ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The federal government cost estimate is based on a model that considers the following three cost factors for each information product: aggregate labor costs for development, including annualized startup expenses, operating and maintenance expenses, and distribution of the product that collects the information. These costs do not include any activities such as taxpayer assistance and enforcement.

The government computes cost using a multi-step process. First, the government creates a weighted factor for the level of effort to create each information collection product based on variables, such as complexity, number of pages, type of product, and frequency of revision. Second, the total costs associated with developing the product such as labor cost, and operating expenses associated with the downstream impact such as support functions, are added together to obtain the aggregated total cost. Then, the aggregated total cost and factor are multiplied together to obtain the aggregated cost per product. Lastly, the aggregated cost per product is added to the cost of shipping and printing each product to IRS offices, National Distribution Center, libraries, and other outlets. The result is the government cost estimate per product.

The government cost estimate for this collection is summarized in the table below.

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| Product | Aggregate Cost per Product (factor applied) |  | Printing and Distribution |  | Government Cost Estimate per Product |
| Form 730 | $22,499 | + | $0 | = | $22,499 |
| Grand Total | $22,499 | + | $0 | = | $22,499 |
| Table costs are based on 2023 actuals obtained from IRS Chief Financial Office and Media and Publications | | | | | |

1. **REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN**

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. However, the number of responses was updated based on current filing data. This reduces the number of responses by 33,276 and the burden hours by 272,530 annually due to Agency Estimate.

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|  | **Total Requested** | **Change Due to New Statute** | **Change Due to Agency Discretion** | **Change Due to Adjustment in Estimate** | **Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA** | **Previously Approved** |
| Annual Number of Responses | 17,796 | 0 | 0 | -33,288 | 0 | 51,084 |
| Annual Time Burden (Hr) | 145,749 | 0 | 0 | -272,629 | 0 | 418,378 |

1. **PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION**

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis, and publication.

1. **REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE**

The IRS believes that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the form expires as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the IRS intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

1. **EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

**Note:** The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.