

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification.

1. The Gambling Devices Act of 1962 (15 U.S.C. §§ 1171-1178) (“the Act”) and the Code of Federal Regulations (28 C.F.R. §§ 3.1-3.5) require that any entity which participates in the interstate commerce of gambling devices register with the Department of Justice Criminal Division on an annual basis prior to engaging in business. The Act specifically states that certain information must be provided in order to register. This submission to OMB is for approval of a revised form and collection method which is about to expire. The Criminal Division has changed the wording, but not the substance, of certain questions on the form in order to clarify what is being asked, and has made the form compatible for use with our gambling registration database.
2. The Criminal Division provides registration information to local, state, and federal law enforcement, who use the information to ensure compliance with the law and to prosecute violators.
3. The Criminal Division currently collects this information via electronic means. The form is available online at www.justice.gov/criminal/oeo/gambling as a fillable, printable PDF form, which can be completed and submitted electronically for inclusion in the gambling registration database.
4. The Criminal Division is not aware of any other federal organizations that collect this information. State gaming commissions collect the same information, if not more, from gambling license applicants; however, federal law mandates that each entity covered by the Act must submit the required information to the Criminal Division.
5. This data collection is not believed to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.
6. The Act mandates the collection of this data on an annual basis. It is therefore not possible for the Criminal Division to reduce the frequency or to stop the collection of this data.
7. There are no special circumstances associated with this data collection.
8. The 60-day and 30-day notices have been published in the *Federal Register* and are attached. To date, no responses from the public have been received.

There has been no consultation with persons outside the agency regarding this data collection. Since the Criminal Division is now accepting the data electronically, some of the wording of some the questions and information requested has been changed, as follows:

- The fax number and email address have been removed from the address portion of the request form to discourage requestors from faxing and/or emailing to their requests to the wrong fax number/email address.
- A line requesting the e-mail address (and confirmation of same) to which respondents want their registration confirmation letters emailed to has been added in number 5 of the form.
- A box has been added to page 2 of the form to confirm, by the person completing the form via check mark, that all information entered on the form is true and accurate.
- A line has been added to page 2 of the form, asking that the agent, if any, provide his/her name.
- A box containing electronic submission instructions for the requestor to utilize have been added at the end of the form.

9. The Criminal Division does not provide payments or gifts to respondents.

10. The Criminal Division does not provide any assurance of confidentiality to respondents. The Freedom of Information Act Unit, Office of Enforcement Operations, Criminal Division has determined that the data collected is a matter of public record.

11. This data collection does not involve any questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Approximately 7,800 respondents will register each year. It is estimated that it will take approximately 0.08 hours (five minutes) to complete the request for registration, for a total annual reporting burden of 650 hours. The annualized cost to respondents for this hour burden is minimal, as it only involves filling in the form and mailing, faxing, or e-mailing it to the Criminal Division.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection, as no special equipment is required. Operation and maintenance costs are also estimated to be zero, as this data collection merely involves providing basic information about the respondent to the Criminal Division.

14. Estimate of annualized cost to the Federal government:

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| Personnel: | \$22,386.00 |
| Collection and processing: | None |
| Total cost to the Federal government: | \$22,386.00 |

It is estimated that staff spends approximately 325 hours per year processing registration requests. As the data is now collected from, and the confirmation disseminated to, the registrants electronically, there are no longer other collection and processing costs associated with this information collection, such as printing, mailing, supplies, etc.

15. The annualized cost to the government has decreased significantly due to the electronic collection methods put into place.

16. There are no “results” from this data collection that will be tabulated and published.
17. The expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection will be displayed.
18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement identified in “Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions.”

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

This information collection does not require the employment of statistical methods.