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Milton Champion is currently the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit, a bureau within the Department of Public Safety for the State of Maine. He reports to a 5-member Gambling Control Board on casino and advance deposit wagering matters. Additionally, he reports to the Commissioner of the Department on internet gaming, charitable gaming, fantasy contests and sports wagering regulation. He was named Department of Public Safety “Manager of the Year 2018”.

With 39 years’ experience on both sides of the hallway in casino, pari-mutuel, charitable, fantasy, sports wagering and internet gaming being a part of 5 casino openings of land base, riverboat, tribal and parimutuel facilities ensuring the protection of company assets while maintaining the highest standards to insure honesty, integrity, safety and liability for 19 years and the regulatory oversight of these areas as well for the past 20 years.

Prior to his current position, he was the Director of Pari-Mutuel Wagering for the Department of Business and Professional Regulations in the State of Florida, a Governor appointed position. He administered the day-to-day operations of the Division to include pari-mutuel operations, audit, revenue, licensing, investigations, bill analysis, budgeting, card room operations at all 27 Pari-Mutuel facilities and slot machine operation at 7 facilities with 120 employees. He was the Department’s representative at the direction of the Legislature as the principal or lead person for the State Compliance Agency regarding the administration of the Seminole Tribal Compact with the State of Florida.

Prior to his promotion to Director, he was the initial Chief of Slot Operations for the State of Florida with the administration and installation of slot machines in Broward and Miami Dade counties pari-mutuel racetracks. He was responsible for setting up the Office of Slot Operations in Ft. Lauderdale, which included interviewing and hiring of staff, training, equipment needs and the development of policies and procedures within the office. He initiated the state test that is currently in use to qualify facilities to open for business.

Since 2016 he has authored 14 agency bills, 50+ rulemaking packages and administered 18 contracts. His biggest accomplishment was to remove central monitoring and utilize facility-based monitoring saving the State of Maine 1.1 million dollars a year.