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Via Email: *Jason.Barclay@prizepicks.com*

Mr. Jason Barclay
Chief Legal Officer
SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks
3423 Piedmont Road NE - Buckhead
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

RE: Suspected Illegal Sports Wagering by SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks

Dear Mr. Barclay:

The Illinois Gaming Board (the “IGB”) has reason to believe that SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks (“PrizePicks”) is engaging in unlicensed sports wagering in violation of the Illinois Sports Wagering Act, 230 ILCS 45, and Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/28-1(a).

Under Illinois law, “sports wagering” means accepting wagers on sports events or portions of sporting events, or on individual statistics of athletes in sports events or combination of sports events, by any system or method of wagering, including, but not limited to, in person or over the Internet through websites or on mobile devices. Sports wagering includes, but is not limited to, single-game bets, teaser bets, parlays, over-under, moneyline, pools, exchange wagering, in-game wagering, in-play bets, proposition bets, and straight bets. 230 ILCS 45/25-10.

No person or entity may engage in a sports wagering operation or activity in Illinois unless licensed by the IGB. 230 ILCS 45/25-20(a). It is unlawful to knowingly establish, maintain, or operate an Internet site that permits a person to play a game of chance or skill for money or other thing of value via the Internet, or that permits a person to make a wager upon the result of any sport, game, contest, political nomination, appointment, or election via the Internet, without an IGB-issued license. 720 ILCS 5/28-1(a)(12); 230 ILCS 10/18(a)(1); 730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-55; 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1900.1210(a).

The IGB is aware that PrizePicks is engaged in sports wagering activity in Illinois over the Internet and on mobile devices. Specifically, the single-player contests you offer are not the legal multi-participant contests of skill the Illinois Supreme Court recognized in *Dew-Becker v. Wu*, 2020 IL 124472. The IGB has neither licensed nor authorized PrizePicks to engage in sports wagering activity. Consequently, PrizePicks’ activity constitutes illegal gambling in violation of Illinois law.

Accordingly, PrizePicks and anyone affiliated with its operations are directed to cease and desist this illegal activity. Failure to comply may subject PrizePicks to civil or criminal penalties.

Please contact the IGB Legal Division at IGB.Legal@illinois.gov should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcus Fruchter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Marcus D. Fruchter
Administrator

cc: IGB Legal Division
IGB Field Operations Division
Illinois State Police – Statewide Gaming Command
Office of the Illinois Attorney General