



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 non-profit gaming and fantasy contest regulation. He was recently named Department of Public Safety “Manager of the Year 2018”.

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, slot machine and card room gaming at all 27 Pari-Mutuel facilities with 120 employees at that time in the state of Florida. Additionally, he was the Department’s representation 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 and the Memo of understanding in its regard.

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 race tracks. Now known as the “Father of Slots” 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. He was part of the sponsoring committee for the Sheridan Technical Center in Broward County providing the first slot machine training facility in Florida.

Before moving into state regulation, he had 19 years’ experience in casino compliance, security, surveillance, investigations, personal protection, risk management and pari-mutuel wagering. He was a part of the opening of 5 casinos insuring the protection of company assets while maintaining the highest standards to insure honesty, integrity, safety and liability.