



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

PRINTERS NO. 2508

PRIME SPONSOR: Gingrich

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact" below.	

SUMMARY:

House Bill 322 amends the Crimes Code concerning criminal trespass. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation adds another sentencing option for individuals convicted of criminal trespass under certain circumstances. This option would only apply for individuals who have placed themselves on the self-exclusion list to be excluded from gaming entities who are subsequently found to be violating that exclusion by being on the premises of a casino or other gaming establishment.

The bill provides that the court may direct the person to be evaluated, in a manner deemed appropriate by the court, to determine if the person has a gambling disorder and whether there is a need for counseling or treatment as part of the sentence or pre-adjudication disposition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation makes explicit in law a sentencing option that is already being used by the courts for these trespassing situations involving problem gamblers. Court ordered assessment and treatment are generally paid for by the offender or the offender's health insurance. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.