



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1893

PRINTERS NO. 2550

PRIME SPONSOR: Vulakovich

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1893, Printer's Number 2550, amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) further providing for gambling devices, gambling, etc.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds Section 5513(5) providing that a person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree if he owns, operates, maintains, places into operation or has a financial interest in an electronic gaming machine or device to conduct or promote a sweepstakes through the use of a simulated gaming device. Additionally, the legislation adds the definitions of the following terms: "electronic gaming machine or device", "enter" or "entry", "gambling place", "prize", "simulated gambling device", and "sweepstakes".

Clarifying language is added providing that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit activities lawfully conducted under the State Lottery Law, Bingo Law, Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, and Title 4 (Amusements).

The act takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. A first degree misdemeanor is punishable by up to a maximum penalty of five years of imprisonment and/ or a maximum of up to \$10,000.

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