



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2015

PRINTERS NO. 3717

PRIME SPONSOR: P. Costa

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: House Bill 2015, Printer's Number 3717, amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act further providing for definitions; for Major League Baseball, National Hockey League or National Basketball Association 50/ 50 raffles; and for licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance.

ANALYSIS: This legislation defines the games of a "50/ 50 drawing", "Major League Baseball, National Hockey League or National Basketball Association 50/ 50 raffle" and "selective raffle" and adds these games to the definition of "games of chance".

A Major League Baseball, National Hockey League or National Basketball Association team shall conduct only one 50/ 50 raffle per home game. There is no limit on how many home games a team can conduct a 50/ 50 raffle during the course of the season. Tickets for the 50/ 50 raffle may not be sold in any seating area designated by the team as a family section. The prize amount of the 50/ 50 raffle shall be 50% of the total money collected. The other 50% of the total money collected shall be donated within seven days from the date of the raffle by the charitable organization conducting the raffle to the designated charitable organization for which the raffle was conducted.

Language is added to the act exempting eligible organizations that are not clubs from obtaining background checks if the application includes an affidavit executed by the organization's executive officer affirming that the organization does not anticipate small games of chance revenue will exceed \$2,500 during the period for which the license is valid. If following the issuance of a license the revenues surpass \$2,500 during the period, the organization shall within 180 days provide the results of a criminal history record information check to the issuing authority for its executive officer and secretary and comply with background checks when it next applies for licensure.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal 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.