



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 444

PRINTERS NO. 2290

PRIME SPONSOR: Earl

COST / (SAVINGS)

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

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 444, Printer's Number 2290, amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act further providing for definitions and games of chance permitted; for Major League Baseball, National Hockey League or National Basketball Association 50/ 50 raffle; for regulations; for licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance; and for distribution of proceeds.

ANALYSIS: This legislation defines the games of a "50/ 50 drawing", "a night at the races", "coin auction", "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 may conduct only one 50/ 50 raffle per home game. 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.

An eligible organization is permitted to use proceeds for the payment of the license fee or the fee for background checks as required by the act. An eligible organization, except a club license, may use its proceeds from games of chance to fulfill its own public interest purpose.

Section 307(b.1) (Location of games of chance) is amended providing the procedures for an eligible organization to conduct games of chance using the premises of another organization. Furthermore, language is added to Section 307(d) permitting organizations to sell raffle tickets off the licensed premises at an eating place, restaurant or retail dispenser as defined in the Liquor Code.

Eligible organizations that are not clubs are exempt 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.

Section 502 (Distribution of proceeds) is amended providing that charity events, scholarship programs and other philanthropic events are part of the organizations public interest purpose.

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.