



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1334

PRINTERS NO. 3342

PRIME SPONSOR: Klunk

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1334, Printer's Number 3342, amends the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L. 214, No. 67), known as the Bingo Law, further providing for definitions; rules for licensing and operation; and for penalties.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 1334 adds definitions to the Bingo Law for the terms "consolidated entity", "consolidated volunteer fire company", "bona fide consolidated fire company" and "predraw bingo". Furthermore, the legislation makes technical changes to the definitions of "association" and "bingo" incorporating the newly added definitions.

A bona fide consolidated volunteer fire company is permitted to receive a bingo license immediately if each individual volunteer fire company held a bingo license prior to the merger. A bona fide consolidated volunteer fire company located in a county of the second class may conduct bingo on two premises, provided that both locations are within the county and one location is within the municipality where the main business office is located.

The legislation increases the current bingo prize limits as follows: (1) single bingo games from \$250 to \$500; (2) jackpot games from \$2,000 to \$4,000; and (3) maximum prizes awarded per day from \$4,000 to \$8,000. The limitation to operate bingo only two days a week is removed thereby allowing the daily operation of bingo. Predraw bingo is added as a permissible game. Licensed associations are permitted to advertise prizes, their dollar value and any guaranteed prize dollar value. An individual who is not a bona fide member of the association may announce bingo numbers if under the supervision of a bona fide member. Technical changes are made to the penalty section for violations of the act in order to reflect the changes made in the legislation for the operation of bingo on a daily basis.

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.