



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1887

PRINTERS NO. 3421

PRIME SPONSOR: Ortitay

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1887, Printer's Number 3421, places the operation of the state's compulsive and problem gambling program under the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) and requires that DDAP maintain one problem gambling toll-free number for use by all casinos. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 4 (Amusements) to place the operation of the state's compulsive and problem gambling program under DDAP. The program has been operated by DDAP since FY 2012-13 and this bill updates the statute to reflect this. The legislation also requires DDAP to maintain and all casinos to utilize 1-800-GAMBLER as the toll-free number to direct patrons to problem gambling services. In addition, all racetracks at casinos must print 1-800-GAMBLER on their racing programs. A casino not currently using 1-800-GAMBLER may continue to use another number for up to three years upon showing good cause to DDAP. If DDAP determines it is unable to adopt 1-800-GAMBLER, then another toll-free number must be maintained.

FISCAL IMPACT: The compulsive and problem gambling program, including a toll-free gambling hotline number, is currently operated by DDAP, therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact related to passage of this legislation.

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