



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 826

PRINTERS NO. 2085

PRIME SPONSOR: Marshall

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 826, Printer's Number 2085, repeals Section 304.1 (Major League sports drawings) of the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act of 1988 (P.L. 1262, No. 156) and re-enacts the language in a stand-alone statute to be known as the Sports Raffle Charities Act.

ANALYSIS:

The Local Option Small Games of Chance Act authorizes the licensing of certain eligible organizations to conduct games of chance in the Commonwealth. Section 304.1 of the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act specifically authorized Major League sports drawings.

HB 826 repeals Section 304.1 and duplicates the language, along with making a few changes, to establish the Sports Raffle Charities Act (Act) which will continue to authorize 50/50 drawings at certain sporting events. HB 826 further provides that certain nonprofit organizations that are affiliated with collegiate teams, including United States Service Academies, may also conduct 50/50 raffles for charity if the college is qualified for an exemption under Sections 501 (c)(3) or 115 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In addition, the bill provides that the 50/50 drawing tickets may be purchased with a credit/debit card and these drawings may be conducted with assistance of a mechanical or electrical device; this is strictly for the purposes of administering the authorized gaming under this new Act.

This act would take effect 30 days after enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. All funds collected by the Act will be retained by the eligible organization and donated to charity.

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DATE: June 25, 2019

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