

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1477

PRINTER'S NO. 2071

AMOUNT

\$66,727,000

FUND

State Gaming

DATE INTRODUCED

March 30, 2012

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Corman

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 30, 2012

Reported as committed, April 2, 2012

First consideration, April 2, 2012

Second consideration, April 3, 2012

Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, April 3, 2012

Re-reported as committed, May 8, 2012

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1477 appropriates the total sum of \$66,727,000 for fiscal year 2012-13 from the State Gaming Fund for the operations of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("board") and the operations of the Department of Revenue ("department"), the Pennsylvania State Police and the Attorney General, with respect to their responsibility and authority under Part II of 4 Pa.C.S., known as the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act ("gaming act"). The appropriation is categorized as follows:

- Attorney General - \$1,011,000
- Department of Revenue - \$9,501,000
- Pennsylvania State Police - \$20,117,000
- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$36,098,000

The amount is appropriated from the restricted revenue accounts under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1401 (relating to slot machine licensee deposits). Section 1401 of the gaming act provides that each Category 1 and Category 2 slot machine licensee must deposit and maintain the sum of \$1,500,000 in its account, and each Category 3 licensee must deposit and maintain \$1,000,000, to guarantee the payment of funds to the Commonwealth and as security for its obligations under section 1405 of the gaming act (relating to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund). A slot machine licensee is required to deposit funds into its account on a weekly basis equal to the amounts deducted by the department under section 1402 of the gaming act (relating to gross terminal revenue deductions).

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The amount of \$36,098,000 is appropriated for the operations of the board. Of this amount, \$10,956,000 is appropriated from the restricted revenue account established in the State Gaming Fund for fees and other revenues collected by the board. Examples of these fees include investigative fees, license renewal fees and gaming lab chargeback fees.

Section 501 of Senate Bill 1477 prohibits the transfer of any moneys within or between the appropriations made to the agencies or board.

The act shall take effect July 1, 2012, or immediately, whichever is later.