

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 820

PRINTER NO. 1084

AMOUNT

\$78,305,000

FUND

State Gaming Fund Restricted Revenue Accounts

DATE INTRODUCED

May 8, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Hughes

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 820 appropriates the total sum of \$78,305,000 for fiscal year 2015-16 from the State Gaming Fund for the operations of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("board") and the operations of the Department of Revenue, 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 - \$1,192,000
- Department of Revenue - \$9,513,000
- Pennsylvania State Police - \$27,700,000
- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$39,900,000

The amount of \$39,900,000 is appropriated for the operations of the board. Of this amount, \$7,000,000 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 820 prohibits the transfer of any moneys within or between the appropriations made to the agencies or board.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 820 reflects the Governor's Executive Budget recommended fiscal year 2015-16 total appropriation of \$78,305,000 for the included agencies. The fiscal year 2015-16 appropriation total represents an increase in funding of \$6,666,000, or 9.3%, from fiscal year 2014-15.