

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 687

PRINTER NO. 1032

AMOUNT

\$78,052,000

FUND

State Gaming Fund Restricted Revenue Accounts

DATE INTRODUCED

May 5, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Browne

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 687 appropriates the total sum of \$78,052,000 for fiscal year 2017-18 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. The appropriation is categorized as follows:

- Attorney General - \$1,300,000
- Department of Revenue - \$6,512,000
- Pennsylvania State Police - \$28,575,000
- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$41,665,000

The amount of \$41,665,000 is appropriated for the operations of the board. Of this amount, \$5,755,000 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 687 prohibits the transfer of any moneys within or between the appropriations made to the agencies or board.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 687 reflects the Governor’s Executive Budget recommended fiscal year 2017-18 total appropriations of \$49,477,000 for the Attorney General, Department of Revenue and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. The Pennsylvania State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit is appropriated \$28,575,000, a reduction of \$2,124,000 from the Governor’s recommended appropriation of \$30,699,000 for the Philadelphia Live casino, which will not be opening in FY 2017-18.