

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2475

PRINTER NO. 3846

AMOUNT

\$67,079,000
\$574,000
\$1,042,000

FUND

State Gaming Fund Restricted Revenue Accounts
Fantasy Contest Fund Restricted Revenue Accounts
Video Gaming Fund Restricted Revenue Accounts

DATE INTRODUCED

April 30, 2020

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Saylor

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2475 appropriates the total sum of \$67,079,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-21 from the State Gaming Fund for the operations of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control 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 - \$1,355,000
- Department of Revenue - \$5,490,000
- Pennsylvania State Police - \$16,877,000
- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$43,357,000

The amount of \$43,357,000 is appropriated for the operations of the board. Of this amount, \$6,000,000 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.

Sections 502 and 503 of House Bill 2475 appropriate a total sum of \$574,000 from the Fantasy Contest Fund restricted revenue account to support the administration of fantasy contest operations. The itemization is as follows:

- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$156,000
- Department of Revenue - \$418,000

Sections 702 and 703 of House Bill 2475 appropriate a total sum of \$1,042,000 from the Video Gaming Fund restricted revenue account to support video gaming terminal (VGTs) operations. The itemization is as follows:

- Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board - \$475,000
- Department of Revenue - \$567,000

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FISCAL NOTE

Section 901 of House Bill 2475 prohibits the transfer of any moneys within or between the appropriations made to the agencies or board.

This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, or immediately, whichever is later.

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 2475 will cost the State Gaming Fund \$67,079,000 in Fiscal Year 2020-21. Additionally, the transfers contained in House Bill 2475 to the Fantasy Contest Fund and the Video Gaming Fund restricted accounts are \$574,000 and \$1,042,000, respectively. As some gaming operations have been restricted due to the emergency closure declaration, the funding outlined in this legislation will be reevaluated later this year once all gaming operations resume.