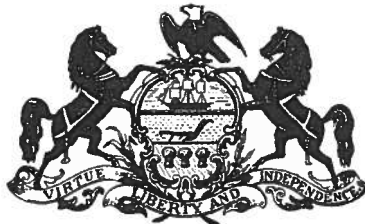


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DATE: January 28, 2011
TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Randy Vulakovich
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation to Provide for a Gaming Budget for the Auditor General

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation to provide funding for the Auditor General for audits the office completes on casino gambling in the Commonwealth.

Since the inception of casino gambling, the Office of Attorney General, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Department of Revenue are all reimbursed by the gaming facilities for their responsibilities under the Gaming Act (Title 4).

It is time for the gaming industry, not the taxpayers, to pay for audits by the Auditor General of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and related gaming activities.

Overall for the 2010-11 fiscal year, the office of Auditor General sustained a 10.7% budget cut. Governor Rendell then asked each department in the Commonwealth to make an additional 1.9% cut in their budget.

One of the ways to alleviate these budget shortfalls is to have the casinos pay for the responsibilities of the office of the Auditor General the way they pay for the Attorney General and State Police. The Auditor General is predicting the annual cost of ongoing audits of gaming would cost approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 annually.

My legislation would alleviate some of the shortfalls for the Auditor General, and take the burden from the already scarce General Fund and place it with the gaming facilities.

If you wish to sponsor my legislation, please contact Patricia Geiger 717-260-6407 or by email at pgeiger@pahousegop.com. Thank you.

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for general and specific powers,
3 for gross terminal revenue deductions and for itemized budget
4 reporting.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1202(b)(28) and (29) of Title 4 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 1202. General and specific powers.

10 * * *

11 (b) Specific powers.--The board shall have the specific
12 power and duty:

13 * * *

14 (28) To prepare and, through the Governor, submit
15 annually to the General Assembly an itemized budget
16 consistent with Article VI of the act of April 9, 1929
17 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
18 consisting of the amounts necessary to be appropriated by the

1 General Assembly out of the accounts established under
2 section 1401 (relating to slot machine licensee deposits)
3 required to meet the obligations accruing during the fiscal
4 period beginning July 1 of the following year. The budget
5 shall include itemized recommendations for the Attorney
6 General, the Auditor General, the department and the
7 Pennsylvania State Police as to the amount needed to meet
8 their obligations under this part.

9 (29) In the event that, in any year, appropriations for
10 the administration of this part are not enacted by June 30,
11 any funds appropriated for the administration of this part
12 which are unexpended, uncommitted and unencumbered at the end
13 of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure by
14 the board [or other agency to which they were appropriated],
15 the department, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Auditor
16 General or the Attorney General until the enactment of
17 appropriation for the ensuing fiscal year.

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19 Section 2. Sections 1402(a)(4) and 1402.1(a) of Title 4,
20 amended January 7, 2010 (P.L.1, No.1), are amended to read:
21 § 1402. Gross terminal revenue deductions.

22 (a) Deductions.--After determining the appropriate
23 assessments for each slot machine licensee, the department shall
24 determine costs, expenses or payments from each account
25 established under section 1401 (relating to slot machine
26 licensee deposits). The following costs and expenses shall be
27 transferred to the appropriate agency upon appropriation by the
28 General Assembly:

29 * * *

30 (4) The costs and expenses to be incurred by the

1 Pennsylvania State Police, the Office of the Auditor General
2 and the Office of Attorney General and not otherwise
3 reimbursed under this part in carrying out their respective
4 responsibilities under this part based upon budgets submitted
5 by the Pennsylvania State Police, the Auditor General and the
6 Attorney General under section 1402.1.

7 * * *

8 § 1402.1. Itemized budget reporting.

9 (a) Submission.--The board, department, Pennsylvania State
10 Police, Office of the Auditor General and Office of Attorney
11 General shall prepare and annually submit to the chairman of the
12 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman of the
13 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives an
14 itemized budget consisting of amounts to be appropriated out of
15 the accounts established under section 1401 (relating to slot
16 machine licensee deposits) necessary to administer this part.
17 The department, Pennsylvania State Police, Office of the Auditor
18 General and Office of Attorney General shall provide copies of
19 their itemized budgets to the board at the same time they are
20 submitted to the chairmen of the committees.

21 * * *

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.