
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 397 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, BLAKE, FARNESE,
BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, BROWNE AND BOSCOLA, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
FEBRUARY 16, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in revenues, further providing for transfers from
3 State Gaming Fund.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1408(c) of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1408. Transfers from State Gaming Fund.

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10 (c) Local law enforcement grants.--The following apply:

11 (1) Annually, the sum of \$2,000,000 shall be transferred
12 to the board for the purpose of issuing grants to local law
13 enforcement agencies to investigate violations of and enforce
14 laws relating to unlawful gambling in this Commonwealth. For
15 purposes of this subsection, the term "local law enforcement
16 agency" shall include the Pennsylvania State Police when
17 conducting unlawful gambling enforcement and prevention
18 activities in a municipality which does not have a municipal

1 police department and in which the Pennsylvania State Police
2 provide the municipality with primary police coverage.

3 (2) From the amount transferred under paragraph (1), the
4 sum of \$250,000 shall be transferred annually from the board
5 to the Attorney General. The annual transfer is for the
6 purpose of issuing grants to district attorney offices to
7 investigate and prosecute violations of and enforce laws
8 relating to illegal gambling involving animal fighting
9 prohibited under 18 Pa.C.S. § 5511 (relating to cruelty to
10 animals). The Attorney General shall publish guidelines in
11 the Pennsylvania Bulletin providing for application and award
12 of grants under this paragraph within 60 days of the
13 effective date of this paragraph. The initial transfer under
14 this paragraph shall occur on July 1, 2018, and subsequent
15 transfers shall occur each July 1 thereafter. The grants
16 under this paragraph must be available in the 2017-2018
17 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

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19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.