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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1507**

House Amendments in [ ] - February 13, 2006

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-340.25 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Charitable Gaming; renewal of permits.*

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Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Orrock

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Referred to Committee on General Laws**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 18.2-340.25 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 18.2-340.25. Permit required; application fee; form of application.

A. Except as provided for in § 18.2-340.23, prior to the commencement of any charitable game, an organization shall obtain a permit from the Department.

B. All complete applications for a permit shall be acted upon by the Department within 45 days from the filing thereof. Upon compliance by the applicant with the provisions of this article, and at the discretion of the Department, a permit may be issued. All permits when issued shall be valid for the period specified in the permit unless it is sooner suspended or revoked. No permit shall be valid for longer than two years. The application shall be a matter of public record.

All permits shall be subject to regulation by the Department to ensure the public safety and welfare in the operation of charitable games. The permit shall only be granted after a reasonable investigation has been conducted by the Department.

C. In no case shall an organization receive more than one permit allowing it to conduct charitable gaming; however, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit granting special permits pursuant to § 18.2-340.27.

D. Application for a charitable gaming permit shall be made on forms prescribed by the Department and shall be accompanied by payment of the fee for processing the application.

E. *Applications for renewal of permits shall be made in accordance with Board Regulations. [ ~~Renewal applications received 45 days or more prior to the expiration of~~ If a complete renewal application is received 45 days or more prior to the expiration of the permit, ] the permit shall continue to be effective until such time as the Department has taken final action. Otherwise, the permit shall expire at the end of its term.*

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