Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number	r: HB2331					
	House of Orig	in <u>X</u>	Introduced		Substitute		Engrossed
	Second House	·	In Committee		Substitute		Enrolled
2.	Patron:	Athey					
3.	Committee:	General Laws					
4.	Title:	Sale of raffle tickets					

- **5. Summary:** The bill provides that raffle tickets may be sold by and that the proceeds of sale shall not be included in determining the gross receipts for a qualified organization. Currently this is limited to instant bingo, pull tabs and seal cards.
- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.
- 7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** Based on information submitted to the Division of Charitable Gaming, in 2007 approximately 206 of the 577 permitted organizations have private social quarters and would qualify to conduct private raffles, under the provision of the bill. In 2007, the 206 organizations reported \$5.3 million in raffle sales with \$3.2 million of this amount going to charity. If the 206 organizations converted to conducting only private raffles, then the amount going to charity would be affected. It is not known how many of the organizations would close public raffles and convert to raffles for members and guests only.

The Division of Charitable Gaming estimates that excluding revenue from private raffles limited to members from the gross recipes of the 206 organizations may reduce revenue to the general fund by \$60,000. The exact reduction is unknown.

- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Charitable Gaming.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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