

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1121

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House of Origin      X   Introduced    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House       \_\_\_ In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Colgan

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Department of Charitable Gaming; conduct of fifty-fifty certain raffles

**5. Summary:** The bill authorizes a qualified organization to conduct a raffle commonly referred to as a fifty-fifty raffle subject to certain limitations. The bill also provides that the proceeds from a fifty-fifty raffle shall not be included in determining the gross receipts for the qualified organization provided the gaming (i) is limited exclusively to members of the organization and their guests, (ii) is not open to the general public, and (iii) there is no public solicitation or advertisement made regarding such gaming.

**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 fifty-fifty 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 fifty-fifty raffles, then the amount going to charity would be affected.

The Division of Charitable Gaming estimates that excluding revenue from fifty-fifty raffles limited to members from the gross receipts 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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cc: Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry