

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2176

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Hodges

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Charitable gaming; conduct of instant games, etc.; number of sessions

5. Summary: This bill allows a qualified organization to conduct instant bingo, pull tabs, seal cards, or any other authorized charitable game (i) outside of the social quarters of an organization or (ii) not in connection with a bingo game. The bill requires the Charitable Gaming Board to adopt regulations to effect this change in the law. The bill also eliminates the current limits of two sessions of bingo games, with no more than 55 bingo games per session that may be conducted in any one calendar day. The bill removes the current limitation on how frequently a facility may be used by an organization to conduct certain charitable gaming activities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). VDACS anticipates that the enactment of the bill will encourage new organizations to seek charitable gaming permits in order to sell instant bingo outside of bingo sessions. With existing resource levels, the interval between the inspections and audits conducted by the agency may increase and this may impact the agency's ability to adequately regulate the industry.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.