

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1527

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Sturtevant

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

**4. Title:** Virginia Charitable Gaming Board; conduct of charitable gaming.

**5. Summary:** This bill requires the Virginia Charitable Gaming Board to conduct an annual evaluation of the conduct of charitable gaming operations in Virginia. The bill also removes restrictions regarding the number of calendar days that charitable gaming may be conducted at buildings owned by nonprofit entities and raises to four the number of days that such gaming may be conducted in buildings owned by other entities. Currently, gaming is limited to four calendar days per week for buildings owned by nonprofit entities and two calendar days for buildings owned by other entities. The bill also (i) removes the limit of 55 bingo games per session, (ii) increases the number of electronic pull tabs that may be placed in the social quarters of a qualified organization from nine, as currently provided by Board regulations, to 50, and (iii) authorizes a qualified organization to pay members up to \$50 per session.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 96 of HB1700/SB1100.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	\$81,500	1	General Fund
2021	\$81,500	1	General Fund
2022	\$81,500	1	General Fund
2023	\$81,500	1	General Fund
2024	\$81,500	1	General Fund
2025	\$81,500	1	General Fund

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill will increase the number of days per week a qualified organization is authorized to conduct bingo. Currently, there are approximately 300 licensed bingo operators and approximately 12,000 registered charities in Virginia that could expand game offerings as a result of this bill. It is estimated that the inspection requirement for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) will increase in order to adequately monitor the additional days of the week during which bingo can be conducted. In addition, the bill requires the agency to conduct an annual evaluation assessing charitable gaming operations in Virginia. To manage the increased workload, the department estimates

the need of one position at an annual cost for salary and fringes of \$75,000 with an additional \$6,500 to lease a vehicle. As a result of ongoing budget reductions in the Charitable Gaming program, the additional responsibilities cannot be absorbed using existing resources.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is the companion to HB2707, as introduced.