

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1946

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Jenkins

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Charitable gaming; operators; licensing requirement; definition of instant bingo, pull tabs.

5. Summary: Permits an operator, defined in the bill, to manage, operate, or conduct charitable gaming on behalf of a qualified organization or otherwise assist a qualified organization with the management, operation, or conduct of charitable gaming, provided that such operator obtains a license from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and complies with all charitable gaming laws and regulations that would otherwise be applicable to such qualified organization related to the management, conduct, or operation of charitable gaming. The bill also amends the definition of "instant bingo," "pull tabs," or "seal cards" to provide that the preprinted or predetermined appearance of concealed letters, numbers, or symbols contained on the individually prepackaged cards must simply be exposed after purchase to determine wins and losses. Current law specifies that the preprinted or predetermined appearance of concealed letters, numbers, or symbols contained on the individually prepackaged cards must be exposed by the player to determine wins and losses.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any costs associated with development of regulations and licensing can be absorbed within current resources of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The bill establishes a \$1,000 application fee for a license and a \$1,000 renewal fee. All charitable gaming fees are deposited to the state's general fund. At this time, the amount of revenue that may be collected from the license application fees is unknown.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.