

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2452E

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Brewer

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Charitable gaming; Texas Hold'em poker tournaments.

5. **Summary:** Amends the definition of "Texas Hold'em poker tournament" to include an organized competition of players who (i) (a) pay an initial seating fee for entry into the competition and an additional seating fee up to once every 30 minutes, thereby allowing such players to purchase additional poker chips as needed for use in the competition; (b) may be allowed to pay an additional fee, during set preannounced times of the competition, to receive additional poker chips; (c) may be seated one or more tables simultaneously playing Texas Hold'em poker games; (d) upon running out of poker chips are eliminated from the competition; and € a pre-set number of whom are awarded prizes of value according to how long such players remain in the competition or (ii) who (a) pay an initial seating fee for entry into the competition and an additional seating fee up to once every 30 minutes and (b) may be seated at no more than four tables consisting of 10 players each simultaneously playing Texas Hold'em poker games. The bill prohibits a qualified organization from charging any initial or additional seating fee in excess of \$8 for the conduct of any such Texas Hold'em poker tournament and requires qualified organizations to hire an armed security officer that is licensed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services to be present during the times that any tournament is being played. The bill also requires any qualified organization that conducts any Texas Hold'em poker tournament to use at least 30 percent of its gross receipts from the conduct of Texas Hold'em poker tournaments for those lawful religious, charitable, community, or educational purposes for which the organization is specifically chartered or organized and to certify that any individual acting as a dealer is at least 21 years of age or older and possesses the knowledge, skill, and competence required to properly shuffle and deal the cards, supervise the tournament, and ensure that all players follow the rules of the game. The bill prohibits qualified organizations from conducting Texas Hold'em poker games more than four days per week or eight hours per day.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; however, the department is unable to

estimate the number of organizations that will obtain a permit to conduct this new style of play for Texas Hold'em poker tournaments and any changes to current workload that may result.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This is similar to SB1518S1.