

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number: HB 1010**

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

**2. Patron:            Athey**

**3. Committee:        Passed both houses**

**4. Title:              Definition of illegal gambling**

**5. Summary:**

The proposed legislation would clarify the definition of illegal gambling to include the provision of “free spin” devices unless such games or contests complied with conditions set out in the legislation. This type of contest involves the purchase of a product, which purchase credits the purchaser with free points that may be risked for an opportunity to win additional points that are redeemable for cash.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

The operation of an illegal gambling operation is a Class 6 felony, which is punishable by up to 12 months in jail or 1-5 years in prison. However, in recent years, all persons convicted of this felony charge were either given probation or sentenced to a short term in jail. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the expansion of the definition of illegal gambling will result in additional persons being committed to prison.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Corrections  
Local and regional jails

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.