

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1512

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

2. Patron: Surovell

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Charitable gaming; conduct of games; special permits.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to grant special permits to qualified organizations to replace an approved bingo game that has been canceled due to state, federal or religious holidays or severe weather conditions. The bill specifies that replacement bingo games that were canceled due to holidays must occur 90 days before or 90 days after holiday which necessitated the new game or 90 days after the game which was replaced due to inclement weather. The bill also allows a qualified organization to pay volunteers of the qualified organization up \$50 per game session.

The bill provides an exemption to the limit of two bingo games per calendar week for any organization which conducts bingo in the county, city or town or adjoining county, city or town in which the organization has regularly been in existence or conducts its meetings.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8 and item 10.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	\$71,912	1	GF
2019	\$71,912	1	GF
2020	\$71,912	1	GF
2021	\$71,912	1	GF
2022	\$71,912	1	GF
2023	\$71,912	1	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: As written, the bill may allow bingo games to be conducted by organizations each day of the week. Currently, all organizations conducting bingo games would qualify for this exemption. VDACS does not have an estimate for the increased number of days per week that charitable organizations would elect to conduct bingo. It is estimated that the inspection requirement for VDACS will increase in order to adequately monitor the additional days of the week during which bingo can be conducted. In addition,

staff time is required to determine which organizations are eligible to reschedule bingo games due to severe weather conditions based on the criteria in the bill. VDACS estimates that, in order to manage the increased workload, it may be necessary to hire one position at an annual cost of \$65,412 and to incur an annual cost of \$6,500 to lease an additional vehicle.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: As currently written, the bill may allow bingo games to be conducted by organizations each day of the week. If this is not the intent of the bill, amending Line 22 will limit the number of days to the current requirement of no more than two days per calendar week and will also allow for increased days per week in accordance with the § 18.2-340.27.1 of this bill. If the technical amendment is addressed, it is anticipated that this would eliminate the need for the FTE and associated operating costs.

Line 22: in any calendar week, except in accordance with ~~subsection E, § 18.2-340.27.1.~~

In addition, on lines 35, 38, and 42, after the word “granted” insert the word “to”.

11. Other Comments: None.