

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB571

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

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering; prohibition on persons under 21 years of age, penalty.

5. Summary: Raises from 18 to 21 years of age the minimum age for a person to wager on or conduct any wagering on the outcome of a horse race or to be admitted into a satellite facility without being accompanied by such person's parent or legal guardian.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Racing Commission does not currently collect age data from individuals wagering in the Commonwealth; however, it is anticipated that this bill may impact the amount of wagering and corresponding license tax retained by the Commonwealth. Any revenue impact is indeterminate.

The penalty for a violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2021), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$37.58 per inmate, per day in FY 2020.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Racing Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB366, as introduced, is the companion to this bill.