

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB402

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

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Passed the Senate

4. Title: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Charitable Gaming Board; powers.

5. Summary: Changes the Charitable Gaming Board (the Board) from a policy board to an advisory board in the executive branch of state government, decreases the membership from 11 to nine members, and moves the power and duty to promulgate regulations related to charitable gaming in the Commonwealth from the Board to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (the Department). The bill provides (i) that the current regulations enacted by the Board shall be administered by the Department and remain in full force and effect until the Department promulgates new regulations pursuant to this bill and (ii) that notwithstanding clause (i), the regulations promulgated by the Board regarding Texas Hold'em poker games and tournaments, which became effective on March 23, 2021, and were rescinded by the General Assembly pursuant to Item 105 of Chapter 552 of the Acts of Assembly of 2021, Special Session I, shall not take effect, but the Department shall promulgate regulations regarding Texas Hold'em poker games and tournaments consistent with the provisions of Chapter 982 of the Acts of Assembly of 2020 and pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Process Act. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any costs that the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may incur in executing the provisions of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB765 also changes the powers and duties of the Charitable Gaming Board.