

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1920ER

Patron: Ward

Bill Title: Charitable gaming; remuneration for bingo callers and bingo managers.

Bill Summary: Provides that, with certain exceptions, remuneration of up to \$200 per session may be paid to bingo managers or callers who have a current registration certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or who are exempt from such registration requirement. Current law permits such remuneration to be paid so long as it does not exceed \$100 per session. The bill requires an exception for such remuneration to be paid at a rate not less than one and one-half times the normal remuneration rate when bingo managers or callers provide services on any day designated as a legal holiday. Lastly, the bill provides that by October 1, 2029, and annually thereafter, the Department shall adjust the maximum remuneration rate of \$200 to reflect the rate of inflation from the previous date that such rate was established, as measured by the Consumer Price Index or other method of measuring the rate of inflation that the Department determines is reliable and generally accepted.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS); however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact this bill may have on VDACS can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. It is anticipated that VDACS can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Other: None.