

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB396H1

Patron: Krizek

Bill Title: Charitable gaming; Texas Hold'em poker tournaments.

Bill Summary: Increases from 18 years of age to 21 years of age the minimum age an individual must be to participate in Texas Hold'em poker tournaments and expands the definition of a tournament by removing the elimination requirement for players. The bill provides that no qualified organization may conduct Texas Hold'em poker tournaments (i) at a location outside of the county, city, or town in which its principal office, as registered with the State Corporation Commission, is located or in an adjoining county, city, or town or (ii) at an establishment that has been granted a retail alcoholic beverage control license unless such license is held by the qualified organization. The bill also allows unlimited rebuys during the first two hours of tournament play or until the first break, whichever occurs first, and permits one add-on at the end of the rebuy period before play resumes at the end of the first break.

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 preliminary and will be updated if additional information becomes available. This bill may result in fewer individuals and organizations being eligible to participate in charitable gaming activities. VDACS is unable to determine the number of individuals or organizations that will participate in or conduct tournaments and, as such, cannot determine the potential change in resources required by the agency to permit, audit, and inspect such tournaments. It is anticipated that VDACS can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Other: None.