Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB765H1 **Patron:** Jones
Bill Title: Charitable gaming; poker events.

Bill Summary: 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. There are six total permits currently issued for Texas Hold'em poker. This bill requires the department to issue amended permits consistent with the bill's provisions and new permits consistent with the bill's provisions no later than July 1, 2026. All permitted entities hold tournaments, several of which are weekly, and are inspected by VDACS. VDACS anticipates being able to absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Other: None.