

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1204-01
Bill No.: HB 502
Subject: Taxation and Revenue - General; Gambling
Type: Original
Date: January 23, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to fantasy sports contests.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Gaming Commission Fund	(Could exceed \$13,446)	(Could exceed \$13,446)	(Could exceed \$13,446)
Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund	(Could exceed \$329,032)	(Could exceed \$329,032)	(Could exceed \$329,032)
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	(Could exceed \$342,478)	(Could exceed \$342,478)	(Could exceed \$342,478)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☒ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Gaming Commission (GAM)** assume this proposal would have a negative fiscal impact on their organization based on the following information.

§313.935.3(1) - GAM received \$23,446 from the 6 companies that applied for a license in 2016. Based on the reported net revenue of those applicants, 2 of those applicants would pay \$5,000 each (annual renewal fee) and the rest would be exempt from paying a renewal fee, resulting in a \$13,446 reduction in revenue for the Gaming Commission Fund (0286).

§313.935.3(2) - Based on the annual operation fee reports received on January 15, 2017, the applicants reported net revenue of \$1,989,727 for the period of August 28th 2016 to December 31st 2016. Based on those filings and other information gathered from the applicants we project total net revenues for the calendar year 2017 to be \$5,982,428. The annual operating fee based on that amount at 11.5% would be \$687,979, and at 6% would be \$358,947, which would result in a loss of revenue for the Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund (0285) of \$329,032.

Oversight will show a negative fiscal impact that could exceed GAM's estimates because the estimated fiscal impact provided by GAM is based only on 6 months of activity.

Officials at the **Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of Prosecution Services, State Public Defender's Office, Department of Revenue, and Missouri Tax Commission** each assume this proposal will not have a fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
GAMING COMMISSION FUND			
<u>Reduction of Revenue - §313.935.3(1)</u>			
Change in Licensing Fees Calculations	(Could exceed <u>\$13,446</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$13,446</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$13,446</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GAMING COMMISSION FUND	(Could exceed <u>\$13,446</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$13,446</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$13,446</u>)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
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**GAMING PROCEEDS FOR
EDUCATION FUND**

<u>Reduction of Revenue - §313.935.3(2) -</u> Annual Operation Fee - Reduced from 11.5 % to 6.0% of Gross Receipts	(Could exceed <u>\$329,032</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$329,032</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$329,032</u>)
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GAMING PROCEEDS FOR EDUCATION FUND	(Could exceed <u>\$329,032</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$329,032</u>)	(Could exceed <u>\$329,032</u>)
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The bill modifies the definitions of "fantasy sports contest" and "fantasy sports contest operator."

Currently, a fantasy sport contest operator is required to maintain a reserve in the form of cash or cash equivalents in the amount of the deposits made to the accounts of fantasy sports contest players. This bill specifies that the reserve can be in the form of cash, cash equivalents, payment processor reserves, payment processor receivables, an irrevocable letter of credit, a bond, an escrow account, or a combination thereof, in the amount that shall equal or exceed the total balances of the fantasy contest players' accounts.

This bill changes the requirement that any prize won by a registered player from a contest be deposited into the player's account within 48 hours of winning, to also allow a prize to be mailed within five business days. The bill creates an exception if the licensed operator believes in good faith that the registered player engaged in either fraudulent conduct or other conduct that would put the licensed operator in violation of the law, in which case the licensed operator may delay the deposit for an unspecified reasonable investigatory period until its investigation is resolved, so long as the operator provides notice of the nature of the investigation to the player.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

This bill reduces the annual license renewal fee from \$10,000 to a lower amount based upon the net revenue of the operator from the previous calendar year. An operator that made over \$2 million would have to pay a fee of \$5,000, an operator that made less than \$2 million but more than \$1 million would have to pay a fee of \$2,500 and an operator that made less than \$1 million but more than \$100,000 would have to pay \$1,000. An operator that made \$100,000 or less would not be required to pay an annual license renewal fee.

The bill also reduces the annual operation fee from 11.5% of the operator's net revenue from the previous calendar year to 6%. The bill removes the date on which the operation fee is due and instead of an automatic suspension of the license of an operator who fails to apply for a license renewal or pay the annual operation fee by that date, allows the commission to suspend the license or deny the pending license application at its discretion.

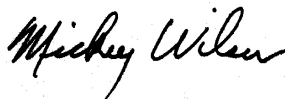
This bill also limits the commission's investigation into the operator's employees, officers, directors, trustees, and principal salaries executive staff officers to \$10,000 rather than \$50,000. The bill creates an exception to the audit requirement for operators with a net revenue of \$100,000 or less in a calendar year.

This bill reduces the administrative penalty from not more than \$10,000 to not more than \$1,000 per violation, and from not more than \$100,000 to not more than \$10,000 for violations arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety - Missouri Gaming Commission
Office of State Courts Administrator
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