



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 67

Senate, March 16, 2004

The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. NEWTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BINGO PAYMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 7-169 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (j) Any organization operating or conducting a bingo game shall
5 file a return with the executive director, on a form prepared by him,
6 within ten days after such game is held or within such further time as
7 the executive director may allow, and pay to the state a fee of five per
8 cent of the gross receipts, less the prizes awarded including prizes
9 reserved for special grand prize games, derived from such games at
10 each bingo session. All such returns shall be public records. The
11 executive director shall pay each municipality in which bingo games
12 are conducted, one-quarter of one per cent of the total money wagered
13 less prizes awarded on such games conducted. He shall make such
14 payment [not less than four times] at least once a year and not more

15 than [twelve] four times a year from the fee imposed pursuant to this
16 subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill is anticipated to result in less than \$1,000 cost savings for the Division of Special Revenue as a result of a reduction in postage costs. The bill will also result in a reduction of time that division staff will spend processing payments to municipalities.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 67

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BINGO PAYMENTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill reduces the frequency of Division of Special Revenue (DSR) bingo payments to towns to at most four times, and at least once, per year. Under current law, the payments may be made as many as 12, but no fewer than four, times per year.

By law, DSR must pay each municipality where bingo games are conducted .25% of the total wagered, less prizes awarded, in bingo games conducted in the municipality.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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