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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 221 (Delegate Costa, *et al.*)
Ways and Means

Anne Arundel County - Charitable Gaming - Card Games

This bill provides that a qualified organization in Anne Arundel County may conduct a card game at which prizes of money or merchandise may be awarded, for fund-raising purposes.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues could increase if the county implements a permit fee for card game fundraisers. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A qualified organization means a volunteer fire company or a bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, charitable, or war veterans' organization.

A person may not conduct a casino event in Anne Arundel County. A "casino event" means any event that involves a card game, dice game, or roulette game; it does not include a card game or dice game that is played for tokens for which no cash prize is offered or awarded.

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues could increase if the county implements a permit fee for card game fundraisers. Currently, the county has permit fees for other types of fundraisers held by qualified organizations. These fees range from \$20 to \$50 per day, depending on the nature of the fundraiser.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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