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## LAWFUL GAMBLING TAXES Tax Rates Reduced New Forms of Gambling Allowed

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### *Preliminary Analysis*

	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings	X	

Department of Revenue

Analysis of S.F. 702 (Parry) As Proposed to be Amended (A11-0395)

	<u>Fund Impact</u>			
	<u>F.Y. 2012</u>	<u>F.Y. 2013</u>	<u>F.Y. 2014</u>	<u>F.Y. 2015</u>
		(000's)		
<b>General Fund<sup>1</sup></b>	(\$800)	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300

<sup>1</sup> According to the Gambling Control Board, the new forms of gambling authorized in the bill are expected to increase charitable gambling activity, and the estimates reflect this increased activity. However, if activity stayed at current levels, **the reduced tax rates would result in a loss of about \$20 million per year.**

Effective August 1, 2011.

### EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

**Current Law:** The current bingo, raffle, and paddlewheel tax rate is 8.5% of gross receipts less prizes paid. The current pull-tab and tipboard tax rate is 1.7% of the ideal gross of each pull-tab or tipboard deal sold by a distributor. The taxes are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the following month. The combined receipts tax has four brackets based on fiscal year gross receipts of the organization:

<u>Fiscal Year Receipts by Organization</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
First \$500,000	0%
\$500,001 - \$700,000	1.7%
\$700,001 - \$900,000	3.4%
Over \$900,000	5.1%

**Proposed Law:** The bill as proposed to be amended would reduce the bingo, raffle and paddlewheel tax rate to 5.0% of gross receipts less prizes paid. The pull-tab and tipboard tax rate would be reduced to 1.0% of the ideal gross of each pull-tab or tipboard deal sold by a distributor. The bill would change how the combined receipts tax is administered. It appears that the intent is to impose the tax on a site-by-site basis, instead of on the organization's total for all sites. The combined receipts tax would now be based on the following brackets and rates:

<u>Fiscal Year Receipts by Site</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
First \$600,000	0%
\$600,001 - \$800,000	1.0%
\$800,001 - \$1,000,000	2.0%
Over \$1,000,000	3.0%

**Note:** The language in Section 3 should be clarified regarding the imposition of the graduated combined receipts tax on each site.

### **EXPLANATION OF THE BILL (Cont.)**

The bill would allow for two new types of electronic charitable gambling in Minnesota: electronic linked bingo games and electronic pull-tabs. The bill would expand the availability of electronic linked bingo compared to bingo under current law.

The bill also makes several changes to charitable gambling regulations.

### **REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL**

- The February 2011 forecast is the base for these estimates.
- This estimate assumes that the combined receipts tax would be collected on a site-by-site basis.
- The Gambling Control Board estimates that the new electronic games would be available at 3,500 sites. This estimate assumes that there will be 2,600 sites in FY 2012, 3,200 sites in FY 2013, and 3,500 sites starting in FY 2014.
- The Gambling Control Board estimates there would be an average of 8 machines per site and each machine would average \$250 in gross receipts per day for 364 days per year. The \$250 is based on industry data from Florida. The Gambling Control Board estimates that 50% of the increase in gross receipts would be from bingo and 50% would be pull tabs.
- Department of Revenue data on gross receipts by site for fiscal year 2010 was scaled to match the projected gross receipts under this bill and then the tax was calculated based on the new brackets and rates.
- This work produced an effective tax rate of 0.789% on gross receipts.
- This estimate assumes that 50% of paper pull-tabs and tip boards would be eliminated in FY 2012, 75% in FY 2013, and, by FY 2014, 95% of paper pull-tabs and tip boards would be eliminated. This estimate assumes no reduction in the current level of bingo, raffles, and paddleboard activity.
- Gambling refunds are assumed to maintain their historical ratio of 21% of the pull-tab and tipboard tax paid.
- Fiscal year 2012 receipts are reduced to reflect ten months of collections.

**Number of Taxpayers:** Approximately 720 organizations pay the bingo, raffle, and paddleboard tax, 12 distributors remit the pull-tab and tipboard tax, and 580 organizations pay the combined receipts tax.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Tax Research Division  
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