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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 57, L.D. 71, Bill, "An Act Regarding Commercial Beano Halls"

Amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "§328." by inserting after subsection 7 the following:

'8. Exception. The requirements of this section do not apply to an agricultural fair association that qualifies for a license and operates beano or bingo games pursuant to section 314.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety		
All Other	\$3,392	\$3,392
Allocates funds to cover the costs of administering the commercial beano hall permitting process.'		

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

	1999-00	2000-01
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
Other Funds	\$3,392	\$3,392
REVENUES		
Other Funds	\$4,000	\$4,000

This bill includes additional Other Special Revenue funds allocations of \$3,392 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Licensing and Enforcement program within the Department of Public Safety for the costs of administering the commercial beano hall permitting process.

The establishment of commercial beano hall permits will increase fee collections. The estimated annual increase of dedicated revenue to the Bureau of State Police is \$4,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01.

The Bureau of State Police will incur some minor additional costs to adopt rules pertaining to the regulation of commercial beano halls. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

SUMMARY

This amendment exempts agricultural fair associations from the licensing requirements applicable to commercial beano hall

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2 permittees provided the agricultural fair associations are
licensed and conducting beano or bingo games pursuant to the laws
specific to that type of organization. The amendment also adds
4 an allocation and fiscal note to the bill.

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