## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 394

Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, TEPLITZ, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN AND FARNESE, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- Statutes, in revenues, further providing for transfers from
- 3 State Gaming Fund.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1408(c) of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 1408. Transfers from State Gaming Fund.
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- 10 (c) Local law enforcement grants. -- The following apply:
- 11 (1) Annually, the sum of \$2,000,000 shall be transferred
- 12 to the board for the purpose of issuing grants to local law
- enforcement agencies to investigate violations of and enforce
- 14 laws relating to unlawful gambling in this Commonwealth. For
- purposes of this subsection, the term "local law enforcement
- 16 agency" shall include the Pennsylvania State Police when
- 17 conducting unlawful gambling enforcement and prevention
- 18 activities in a municipality which does not have a municipal

- 1 police department and in which the Pennsylvania State Police 2 provide the municipality with primary police coverage.
- (2) From the amount transferred under paragraph (1), the
- 4 sum of \$250,000 shall be transferred annually from the board
- to the Attorney General. The annual transfer is for the 5
- 6 purpose of issuing grants to district attorney offices to
- investigate and prosecute violations of and enforce laws 7
- relating to illegal gambling involving animal fighting 8
- 9 prohibited under 18 Pa.C.S. § 5511 (relating to cruelty to
- animals). The Attorney General shall publish guidelines in 10
- the Pennsylvania Bulletin providing for application and award 11
- of grants under this paragraph within 60 days of the 12
- effective date of this paragraph. The initial transfer under 13
- 14 this paragraph shall occur on July 1, 2015, and subsequent
- 15 transfers shall occur each July 1 thereafter. The grants
- under this paragraph must be available in the 2014-2015 16
- 17 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.
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19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.