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Senate Bill No. 2281
Relating to Gaming license fees and Gaming Technology Fund
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Chairman Nathe, and House Appropriations E&E members, my name is Deb McDaniel, and I am the Director of Gaming for the Office of Attorney General.

I wish to submit this bill to enable a gaming technology fund to be established to help the Gaming Division with contracting for and purchasing equipment and software for the charitable gaming system and for training and maintaining the system.

To establish this fund we would request that \$400,000 be initially transferred one time from the charitable gaming operating fund (Section 2, Page 2, lines 15 – 21) which is funded by the gaming taxes and then the technology fund would be maintained with an increase in the annual license fees for gaming organizations, distributors, and manufacturers. This is not an increase in the gaming taxes for licensed gaming organizations but an increase in the annual license fee that all manufacturers, distributors, and organizations pay.

Gaming organization's fees will be increased from \$150 to \$175 and \$25 of that increase will be placed into the technology fund. (Section 1, Page 1, line 24 and Page 2, lines 1-3 & lines 6 – 8)

Increase the manufacturers of pull tabs, bingo cards, electronic quick shot bingo systems, electronic pull tab systems, or bingo card marking devices from \$4,000 to \$5,500 and \$1,500 to be put into the technology fund. (Section 2, Page 2, lines 26 – 28)

Manufactures of only paper pull tab dispensing devices will be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and \$500 placed into the technology fund. (Section 3, Page 2, lines 30-31 and Page 3, line1)

Manufactures of electronic raffle systems will be increased from \$500 to \$1,000 and \$500 placed into the technology fund. (Section 3, Page 3, lines 1-4)

A distributor's license would increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and \$500 placed into the technology fund. (Section 3, Page 3, lines 5-7)

The licensing fee increases would allow the fund to be maintained to support the gaming system annually with approximately \$38,500.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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