

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1221

**SHORT TITLE:** Sporting Event Raffles

**SPONSOR(S):** Sen. Odom

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Yes ( )      No (X)      No Estimate Available ( )**

**FY 1998-99   FY 1999-00   FY 2000-01   FY 2001-02   FY 2002-03**

**REVENUES**

**EXPENDITURES**

**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

**POSITIONS:**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &**

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Attorney General's Office

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** When it becomes law.

**BILL SUMMARY:** The bill amends GS 14-309.15(c), which currently limits nonprofit organizations to two raffles per year, to allow nonprofit organizations to conduct a raffle at each home game of a professional sports team in North Carolina. The bill also restricts coverage of the act to counties where the population is 600,000 or more, according to the most recent population estimates of the US Census Bureau.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** Under existing law, tax-exempt nonprofit organizations are allowed to conduct two raffles per year. The Attorney General's Office regulates compliance with the law. This bill would amend the current law by allowing tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to conduct raffles at each home game of a professional sports team in North Carolina in addition to the two raffles per year each is allowed to conduct under the existing law.

This proposed enabling legislation may increase the number of raffles conducted by tax-exempt nonprofit organizations. Consequently the regulatory activity conducted by the Attorney General's Office may also increase. However, the Attorney General's Office estimates that it can absorb the cost of regulating any increased activity resulting from the proposed legislation in its current budget.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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