2023 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***20-FN***

AN ACT relative to keno license applications and fees.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates separate license fees associated with issuing keno licenses and changes the definition of eligible employees and license applicants.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to keno license applications and fees.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Keno; License Fees RSA 284:44 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

284:44 License Fees. The lottery commission shall not charge a separate fee associated with issuing a keno license.

2 Keno; License Applications. Amend RSA 284:45, V(b) to read as follows:

(b) Neither the applicant nor any employee will operate keno games***, be licensed under this subdivision, or rent, lease, sublease, or otherwise provide any hall or keno paraphernalia for the conduct of keno licensed under this subdivision,*** if such person [~~has been convicted of a felony~~

~~within the previous 10 years which has not been annulled by a court, or a misdemeanor involving falsehood or dishonesty within the previous 5 years which has not been annulled by a court, or has violated the statutes or rules governing charitable gaming in this or any state.~~] ***has been convicted of a felony or class A misdemeanor within the previous 10 years which has not been annulled by a court, or a class B misdemeanor within the past 5 years which has not been annulled by a court, or has violated any of the statutes or rules governing charitable gambling in the past in this or in any other state.***

3 Keno; License; Issuance. Amend RSA 284:46, II(a) to read as follows:

(a) The license of the applicant has been previously revoked by the commission ***and has not been reinstated by the commission***.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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SB 20-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to keno license applications and fees.

FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**
Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue	$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source:	[ ] General Fund	[X] Education	[ ] Highway	[X] Other - Lottery

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, assumed effective in FY 2024, eliminates the current annual license fee of $500 to be a Keno retailer, a source of revenue totaling $115,500 in FY 2022. The Lottery Commission assumes the Keno retailer base will continue to grow at approximately 10% per year from a baseline of FY 2022, and therefore estimates this bill would decrease annual licensing fee revenue by approximately $140,000 in FY 2024, $154,000 in FY 2025, and $169,000 in FY 2026. Furthermore, the Commission assumes the elimination of the Keno license fee would increase the number of retailers seeking to sell Keno, which should increase overall lottery revenues, however, the amount and timing of the offsetting revenue is indeterminable at this time. Ultimately, this bill's net impact on Keno revenue, which is credited to the lottery fund, with net revenues after expenditures being credited to the state education trust fund, is indeterminable, but likely to be immaterial on overall Keno revenue (which exceeded $53 million in FY 2022).

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

May 9, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred SB 20-FN,

AN ACT relative to keno license applications and fees.

Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Cyril Aures

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Ways and Means**
Bill Number:	**SB 20-FN**
Title:	**relative to keno license applications and fees.**
Date:	**May 9, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill was requested by the Lottery Commission to eliminate the application fee because Keno operators are small business owners and the $500 fee was prohibitive.

Vote 18-1.

Rep. Cyril Aures
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
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CONSENT CALENDAR

Ways and Means

SB 20-FN, relative to keno license applications and fees. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Cyril Aures for Ways and Means. This bill was requested by the Lottery Commission to eliminate the application fee because Keno operators are small business owners and the $500 fee was prohibitive. **Vote 18-1.**

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To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: SB 20 Date: 4/18/23

Committee: Ways and Means

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Kevin Daisk			NH Grocers Association	X	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 20-FN

BILL TITLE: **relative to keno license applications and fees.**

DATE: **April 18, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **202-204** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **10:03 a.m.**

Time Adjourned: **10:20 a.m.**

Committee Members: Reps. L. Sanborn, Janigian, Plett, Ulery, Doucette, Spilsbury, Aures, Rochefort, Almy, Ames, Malloy, Fellows, Elberger, Bolton and Leapley

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Lang	**Sen. Gannon**	**Sen. Innis**
Sen. Birdsell	**Sen. Pearl**	**Sen. Abbas**
Rep. Moffett		

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Senator Tim Lang – Bill does away with $500 fee for Keno licenses. Keno had been expanded to retail stores. Rep. Fellows – how does this program support cost of inspectors. Answer – overall gambling licenses and sales will go up.

Charles McIntyre – NH Lottery – full support of bill. Rep. Almy – What do you do for enforcement? Admin budget $12 billion, net $170 million. Added investigators and auditors, focusing on problem areas, Keno n problem.

Rep. Ulery – don't do anything specific for Keno – shared resource? Yes. Rep. Malloy - $115,000 divided by $500 – 230 establishments? Now more due to opening up retail.

Rep. Bolton – criminal language same as other gambling? Yes. Rep. Fellows – ticket creation – Answer – all from machine.

Rep. Aures – two machine types, same game? Yes – how to keep from minors? Behind Counter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Fred Plett, Clerk

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Ways and Means Committee Testify List for Bill SB20 on 2023-04-18

Support: 0 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 20-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to keno license applications and fees.

DATE: May 9, 2023

LOB ROOM: 202-204

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Aures Seconded by Rep. Elberger Vote: 18-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Fred Plett, Clerk

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2023 SESSION

Ways and Means

Bill #: 20 **Motion:** OTP **AM #:** _____ **Exec Session Date:** 1/19/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Sanborn, Laurie J. Chairman	14		
Janigian, John C. Vice Chairman	1		
Ulery, Jordan G.	2		
Doucette, Fred G.	3		
Spilsbury, Walter	4		
Plett, Fred R. Clerk	5		
~~Hynes, Dan~~ See Alvin	6		
Soti, Julius F. Thomas Doug	7		
Aures, Cyril Nicholas	8		
~~Rochefort, David~~ Rensolle Dir Andrew ~~Thomas~~ Doug	9		
Almy, Susan W.	10		
Ames, Richard	11		
Southworth, Thomas L.	12		
Malloy, Dennis J.	13		
Schamberg, Thomas C.	14		
Fellows, Sallie D.		1	
~~Bolton~~, Bill R Lloyd, Thomas	15		
Elberger, Susan A	16		
Leapley, Nicole M	17		
Smith, Geoffrey			1
TOTAL VOTE:	18	1	1