

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NUMBER: HB 232 (House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/19/01)

SHORT TITLE: Budget Revenue Provisions - 2001

	FISCAL IMPACT				
	Yes (X)	No ()		No Estimate Available ()	
	\$ Millions				
	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>	<u>FY 2003-04</u>	<u>FY 2004-05</u>	<u>FY 2005-06</u>
REVENUES					
Insurance Reg. Fund	23.82				
Utilities Special Fund	11.23				
General Fund					
Cultural Resources	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06
IRC Update	(3.37)	(3.82)	(3.40)	(3.59)	(5.13)
Withholding*					
Non Recur. Rev.	65.1	-	-	-	-
Non Recur. Earmark	-.23	-	-	-	-
Recur. Rev.	.5	2.00	2.16	2.33	2.52
Sales Tax Acc.*					
Non Recur. Rev.	9.80	-	-	-	-
Non Recur. Earmark	-.08	-	-	-	-
Recur. Rev.	.21	.45	.48	.50	.52
Elect. & Telephone*					
Non Recur. Rev.	15.30	-	-	-	-
Recur. Rev.	.85	1.77	1.84	1.91	1.99
Franchise & Excise*					
Non Recur. Rev.	14.50	-	-	-	-
Recur. Rev.	.90	1.87	1.95	2.02	2.11
Compliance*	12.60	0	0	0	0
Boxing Commission	.15	.17	.17	.17	.17
EXPENDITURES					
General Fund					
Boxing Commission	(.22)	(.22)	(.22)	(.22)	(.22)
* Expresses legislative intent for these funds to be directed to the Savings Reserve Account (rainy day fund).					
**Earmarking from income tax receipts is intended to cover the implementation costs of the Department of Revenue.					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: Department of Insurance, Utilities Commission, Department of Cultural Resources, Department of Revenue, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, and the Boxing Commission.					
EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 (Insurance Regulatory Fee), when it becomes law. Section 2 (Utilities Commission Fees), July 1, 2001. Section 3 (Non-resident Search Fee), July 1, 2001. Section 4 (IRC Update), subsection (b) is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002. The remainder of Section 4 is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001. Section 5 (Withholdings) subsection (c) becomes effective July 1, 2001. The remainder of the Section becomes effective April 1, 2002 and applies to payments of withheld income taxes made on or after that date. Section 6 (Sales and Utilities) becomes effective January 1, 2002 and applies to taxes levied on or after that date. Section 7 (Boxing) subsections (d) and (e) become effective June 30, 2001. The remainder becomes effective January 1, 2002.					

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 of the bill sets the insurance regulatory charge at 6.5%. This rate must be set annually and is a reduction from the previous rate of 7.0%. Section 2 sets the regulatory fee rate for the public utilities commission at 0.11%. This rate must also be set

annually and is an increase from the current rate of 0.09%. This section of the bill also sets the regulatory fee for the electric membership corporations at a flat \$200,000. This fee has remained the same since it was first imposed in 1999. All three of these fees are used to defray the cost of regulating the industries charged. Section 3 of the legislation increases the cap on nonresident search fees charged by the Department of Cultural Resources. The Department now charges the maximum amount allowed by law - \$10.00. The bill increases this cap to \$25.00. Section 4 is the Internal Revenue Code update section of the bill. Specifically this portion of the bill rewrites the definition of the Code to change the reference date from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2001. This section also makes recent changes to the Code applicable to the State to the extent the State law previously tracked federal law. Since the General Assembly last updated the Code references Congress enacted six bills the impact the Code. Four of these will impact state revenues. Section 5 of the bill accelerates the payment tables for income tax filings. Under current law employers liable for less than \$500 a month in employee wage withholding pay quarterly. As a result of the bill employers with liabilities between \$100 and \$500 must pay monthly. Section 6 of the bill accelerates the payment of sales and utility taxes by certain taxpayers. Specifically it changes the threshold for paying sales taxes semimonthly from \$20,000 a month to \$10,000 a month. It also makes the payment schedule for electricity and telephone sales taxes the same as regular sales taxes, and requires semimonthly payers to pay by electronic fund transfer. Finally this section requires that power, telephone, and piped gas franchise/excise taxes be paid on a semimonthly basis. Section 7 of the bill removes the Boxing Commission from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and transforms it into a freestanding commission. As a result of this transition the state is no longer liable for the compensation of any Commission members or officers. This section of the bill also expands the regulatory jurisdiction of the Boxing Commission to include toughman, wrestling, and mixed martial arts matches. It authorizes the Commission to issue a federal identification card to each boxer upon payment of a \$25 fee. Finally, this section of the bill increases the permit fees by \$50 and imposes a fee of \$350 for each additional seating capacity of 5,000 above a base 5,000 seats, and allows the Commission to charge a fee equal to 10% of the total purse.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The bill impacts state revenues in several ways.

Section 1: Insurance Regulatory Charge: The legislation sets the insurance regulatory charge for calendar year 2001 at 6.5%. This is a reduction from the current rate of 7.0%. This fee is assessed against the 1.9% premiums tax paid by insurers or against the presumed premiums tax that would be paid by HMOs and Article 65 companies (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) if taxed at 1.9%.

The premiums tax collections for 2001-2002 is estimated to be \$303.98 million. The HMOs and the Article 65 companies must pay a regulatory charge based on their presumed premiums tax. The presumed premium tax for the HMOs and Article 65 companies is estimated to be \$62.5 million.

With the premiums tax collections of \$303.98 million and the presumed premiums tax of \$62.5 million from the HMOs and Article 65 companies, the total base against which the insurance regulatory charge will be assessed is estimated to be \$366.48 million. Applying the 6.5% regulatory fee to the \$366.48 million base would generate \$23.82 million in regulatory fee revenue.

The Department estimates that the operating expenses will be \$23 million for 2001-2002 and that the reserve will have a balance of \$8.84 million at the beginning of 2001-2002. The total available from the reserve fund of \$8.84 million and the estimated collections of \$23.82 million will be \$32.66 million. The total available less the estimated operating expenditures of \$23 million will leave a year-end reserve balance of \$9.66 million. This reserve is above one-third of the estimated operating expenditures.

Based on the above, the regulatory surcharge rate of 6.5%, assessed against companies that pay a premiums tax as well as HMOs and Article 65 companies, is sufficient to defray the estimated cost of the operations of the Department and provide for a reserve fund.

Section 2: Utility Regulatory Fee: This portion of the bill increases the utilities regulatory fee from .09% to .11% for FY 2001-02 to fund the operations of the Utilities Commission and the Public Staff. The Utilities Commission estimates that combined operations for the Commission and the Public Staff in FY 2001-02 will require expenditures of not less than \$11,465,833. In addition, the Utilities Commission will be asked to provide \$500,000 to the Legislative Study Commission on the Future of Electric Service in North Carolina to cover the cost of consultant studies and other activities. Revenues generated by the proposed utilities regulatory fee (0.11%) are estimated to be \$11,025,000. The difference will be funded by the other revenues generated by Commission fees and charges (\$973,000) and potentially by withdrawals from the Accumulated Fee Margin Reserve Account. The balance projected to be in the reserve account at the end of the current fiscal year is \$4,871,167. The Commission estimates that this amount would be sufficient to support the combined operation of the Commission and the Public Staff for approximately 4 months. This is a one-year estimate, as the rate must be set by statute each year.

Section 2: Electric Membership Corp. Fee: This portion of the bill sets the public utility regulatory fee to be paid by The North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation for the 2001-2002 fiscal year at \$200,000. In 1999 the initial fee of \$200,000 was developed as a result of discussions between the industry and the Utilities Commission, based on what the Utilities Commission believed to be the cost associated with regulating the electric membership cooperatives. The fee amount has not been altered since that time. Fiscal Research staff has asked the Office of State Budget to verify the need for and use of the \$200,000. No information from the Budget office is yet available. This fee amount must be set by the General Assembly each year.

Section 3: Increase Nonresident Search Fee: This section of the bill allows the Department of Cultural Resources to increase the fee charged nonresidents for searches of archived public records from a maximum of \$10 to a maximum of \$25. This portion of the bill was a recommendation of the Legislative Research Commission's Committee on Digitization of Public Records by State Archives. Since 1978 the North Carolina State Archives has required the payment of a Search and Handling Fee before replying to inquiries received from researchers living in states other than North Carolina. This fee is non-refundable and G.S. 121-5(d) establishes the limits for the fee and requires the NC Historical Commission to approve adjustments in the fee requested by the North Carolina State Archives. The initial fee for out-of-state requests for each inquiry about one record or one person's record was \$2.00. This was increased to \$5.00 in 1984 and \$8.00 on July 1, 1995. Effective January 1, 2001 the fee was increased again to \$10.00, which is the maximum charge allowed under the current statutory provision.

It is projected that the search fee will remain at the current level of \$10 for a portion of FY 2001-02, but increase to \$15 where it will remain through FY 2005-06. It needs to be noted that each time the search fee was raised, that although receipts increased, actual numbers of requests declined (as much as 40% in 1984 when the fee went from \$2-\$5); then receipts gradually increased. The Archives and Records Section is taking that anticipated decline into account for the projected \$15 search fee to be instituted as of January 1. It is not the department/section's intent to raise the search fee to \$25 at the present time since it was just increased to the current cap (\$10) on January 1, 2001. The \$25 cap is needed in order to gradually and as necessary and appropriate raise the search fee. It is anticipated that requests for the five-year period will have a downward trend, based upon experience, and then begin to increase by FY 05-06. Revenue from search fee receipts offset the General Fund appropriation for Archives and History. The estimated fiscal impact is as follows:

	FY 01-02	FY 02-03	FY 03-04	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Requests	2,300 (1,700)*	3,600	3,700	3,800	4,000
Search Fee Rate	\$10.00 (\$15.00)*	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total	\$48,500	\$54,000	\$55,000	\$57,000	\$60,000

*In FY 2001-02 the search fee will increase effective January 2002 to \$15.00. Therefore, for the first six months of the fiscal year the projected 2,300 requests will be charged \$10.00 and the second half of the fiscal year 1,700 requests will be charged \$15.00.

Section 4: Update Internal Revenue Code Reference: Since North Carolina individual and corporate income tax law tracks the federal income tax law, it is necessary each year to update state statutory references to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Congress enacted four bills in calendar year 2000 that have a potential revenue impact on the state General Fund. These changes will have a negative fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Public Law 106-230

HR 4762 was enacted to require 527 organizations to disclose their political activities. If an organization does not comply with the disclosure provisions of this act, then their exempt function income becomes taxable. This fiscal note assumes no fiscal impact for North Carolina from this provision.

Public Law 106-554

This 2001 appropriations act (HR 4577) for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education contains numerous tax provisions taken from other introduced legislation.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit - P.L. 106-554 increases the annual low-income housing tax credit amount allocated to each state from \$1.25 per capita to \$1.50 per capita in 2001 and \$1.75 per capita in 2002. Beginning in 2003, the per capita allocation will be adjusted by the

Consumer Price Index (CPI). North Carolina has a state low-income housing tax credit that is equal to 1) 75% of the federal low-income housing credit in Tier 1 and 2 counties and in counties damaged by hurricanes in 1999, and 2) 25% in all other counties. The state credit is taken over five years.

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Prior Law Per Capita</u>	<u>Prior Law Federal Credit</u>	<u>Current Law Per Capita</u>	<u>Current Law Federal Credit</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2000	7,323,000	\$1.25	\$9,153,750	\$1.25	\$9,153,750	\$0
2001	8,049,313	\$1.25	\$10,061,641	\$1.50	\$12,073,970	\$2,012,328
2002	8,221,568	\$1.25	\$10,276,960	\$1.75	\$14,387,745	\$4,110,784
2003	8,397,510	\$1.25	\$10,496,887	\$1.79	\$14,989,555	\$4,492,668
2004	8,577,217	\$1.25	\$10,721,521	\$1.82	\$15,647,159	\$4,925,638
2005	8,760,769	\$1.25	\$10,950,961	\$1.87	\$16,365,576	\$5,414,615
2006	8,948,249	\$1.25	\$11,185,312	\$1.92	\$17,150,410	\$5,965,099

In calendar year 2000, the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency reported that 70% of the projects (25 of 36) receiving the federal low-income housing tax credit also requested the state low-income housing tax credits. All seven projects in Tier 1 and 2 counties and all six projects in Tier 3 and 4 flood relief counties utilized 100% of their 75% state tax credits. Ten of the eleven projects rejecting the state tax credit were in Tier 5 counties such as Guilford, Wake, Buncombe, and Forsyth. Officials with the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency believe the 70% participation rate in the state tax credit will not increase because the state income standards for rental units, which are more stringent than federal guidelines, are too difficult for developers to meet in the higher tiered counties.

The North Carolina credit is a percentage of the federal tax credit allocation (shown above) times ten, because the credit is granted to a taxpayer each year for ten years. This increased federal allocation will increase the General Fund revenue loss for the state credit each year until the credit sunsets in 2006. Based on recent experience with the housing credit program in North Carolina, this fiscal estimate assumes that 70% of the investors using the federal low-income housing tax credit will also utilize the NC tax credit.

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Previous Law	\$2,402,859	\$5,844,993	\$9,423,089	\$13,077,756	\$16,810,633
Current Law	\$2,402,859	\$6,373,229	\$11,206,485	\$16,400,171	\$21,819,136
Additional Cost	\$0	\$528,236	\$1,783,396	\$3,322,415	\$5,008,503

Renewal Communities - P.L. 106-554 allows the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to designate up to 40 renewal communities that will be eligible for tax incentives. There is currently no fiscal impact from this provision. If HUD chooses a site in North Carolina, then there would be a General Fund revenue loss.

Empowerment Zones - This act allows HUD to designate nine additional empowerment zones across the country. There will be no fiscal impact from this provision unless HUD selects North Carolina for an empowerment zone.

Environmental Remediation – This act expands the number of sites eligible for expensing of environmental remediation costs and extends the use of this expensing method from 2002 to 2004. Based on data from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, there are over 1,000 potential brownfields sites across the state that are currently underutilized or idle due to real or perceived environmental contamination. Since it is unknown how many North Carolina taxpayers will take advantage of this expensing method to cleanup brownfield sites, this fiscal note uses .542% of the national estimated revenue loss. (This percentage represents North Carolina corporate tax collections as a percentage of the national tax collections.)

Corporate Donations – This act extends the enhanced corporate tax deduction for the donation of computer equipment until 2003. This provision also expands the deduction to include donations 1) to public libraries, 2) of property reacquired by a computer manufacturer, and 3) of equipment acquired up to three years before the donation is made. Since North Carolina specific data is unavailable, this fiscal note uses .542% of the national estimated revenue loss. (This percentage represents North Carolina corporate tax collections as a percentage of the national tax collections.)

Medical Savings Accounts – This act extends the Medical Savings Account program from 2000 to 2002 and renames the accounts as the Archer MSAs. There is no fiscal impact of this provision because North Carolina taxpayers have not utilized these accounts in the four years of the program's existence.

Public Law 106-573

HR 3594, the Installment Tax Correction Act of 2000, reversed a prohibition of accrual method taxpayers using the installment method for reporting income from dispositions of property. It was reported that this prohibition had a direct impact on the sale of S corporations. When the General Assembly approved the IRC update in HB 1559, the fiscal note listed a revenue gain for prohibiting the installment method for accrual method taxpayers. This fiscal note removes the anticipated gain from future year budgets.

Public Law 106-591

With the passage of HR 4986, FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000, Congress repealed foreign sales corporations (FSCs) due to the protest of the World Trade Organization. To provide corporations with tax benefits that mirror FSC provisions, HR 4986 enacted extraterritorial income exclusion. This act allows companies to exclude foreign trade income from their US taxable income. Both the Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service feel that this change in tax policy is revenue neutral.

Summary Chart

Federal Tax Changes - Impact on NC General Fund							
	Effective Date	Fiscal Years (\$ Millions)					
		<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
Public Law 106-230							
Political Organizations	7/1/2000	No fiscal impact unless future violation					
Public Law 106-554							
Low income housing credit	12/31/2000	0	-.53	-1.78	-3.32	-5.01	-6.86
Renewal communities	12/15/2000	No estimate available - communities not yet established					
Empowerment zones	12/15/2000	No estimate available - new zones not yet selected					
Environmental remediation	12/15/2000	-0.53	-1.22	-0.89	-0.21	-0.01	0.03
Computer Donation	12/31/2000	-0.64	-0.68	-0.34	-0.02	-	-
Medical Savings Accounts	12/15/2000	No fiscal impact					
Public Law 106-573							
Accrual method	12/28/2000	-2.20	-1.39	-0.39	-0.04	-0.11	-0.19
Public Law 106-591							
Foreign sales corporation	9/30/2000	No fiscal impact					
Total G.F. Impact		-3.37	-3.82	-3.40	-3.59	-5.13	-7.02

Section 5: Accelerate Withholdings Tax Payments: This portion of the bill requires employers who withhold \$100-\$500 in state income taxes each month to remit the withheld taxes monthly instead of quarterly. The current threshold for monthly filing is \$500.

The starting point for the fiscal estimate was the May 2001 General Fund revenue estimate developed by Fiscal Research Division for the Appropriations Committees. This estimate indicated that for the April-June 2001 period a total of \$101.7 million will be collected from quarterly filers, or an average of \$33.9 million per month. The effect of the proposal is to accelerate the April and May, 2002 withheld dollars from July and August, 2002 (2002-03 fiscal year) to May and June, 2001 (2001-02 fiscal year). Multiplying the \$33.9 million by two would yield a one-time windfall of \$67.8 million if all quarterly filers were switched over to monthly.

The Department of Revenue provided data on the taxes paid by quarterly filers who withhold less than \$100 per month. This tabulation indicated that 96% of the receipts come from quarterly filers who withhold at least \$100 per month. This adjustment would reduce the \$67.8 million windfall to \$65.1 million (\$32.55 million per month for two months).

In addition to the one-time windfall, additional interest income would flow to the General Fund from receiving the collections earlier. A review of the tax remittance due dates indicates that for each quarter, the withheld taxes for the first month of the quarter would be received two months earlier under the proposal. The withholding for the second month of each quarter would come in one month sooner and there would be no acceleration of the withholding for the last month of each quarter.

Based on this timing, Fiscal Research took the \$32.5 million of monthly withholding under the new system and multiplied this number by an annual interest rate of 6.1%. This rate is close to the average earned by the State Treasurer in recent years on the State's cash balances. The resulting annual interest figure was then prorated for the period of time that the accelerated receipts would be earning interest.

This calculation yields \$2.0 million of interest earnings on a 12-month basis. Since the effective date of the proposal is April 1, 2002 the first-year investment income amount would be 25% of the annual total, or \$. 5 million. For 2002-03 the \$2.0 million projection was used.

There are about 115,000 employers who now remit quarterly. This change would require about 75,000 to shift to monthly filing, leaving the 40,000 smallest employers to file quarterly.

Finally, the bill allows the Department of Revenue to earmark up to \$75,000 from income tax collections to administer this change.

Section 5: Allow Telefile for Withholding Payers: Requires the Department of Revenue to offer employers the option of filing and paying withheld taxes by telephone by April 1, 2002. To implement this change, the Department of Revenue may earmark up to \$150,000 from income tax collections for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

Section 6: Accelerate Tax Payments for Sales: Requires retail merchants whose monthly state and local sales tax collections amount to \$10,000 or more to remit taxes on a semi-monthly basis. The current threshold is \$20,000. The budgetary effect of the provision is to shift some July, 2002 receipts (2002-03 fiscal year) into June, 2002 (2001-02 fiscal year), creating a one-time windfall for 2001-02. The estimates for recurring and non-recurring revenue were provided by the Tax Research Division of the Department of Revenue based on the actual experience of June receipts and a bracket distribution of sales tax remittance by taxpayer size for the most recent fiscal year. The recurring revenue comes from the investment earnings on the receipt of tax collections on a quicker basis. The assumed interest rate for this part of the analysis is 6.1%. The first-year number is adjusted in the for the January 1, 2002 effective date. The bill also allows the Department of Revenue to earmark up to \$75,000 from income tax collections to administer this provision and the following two changes.

Section 6: Accelerate Sales Tax Payments on Electricity and Telephone: This portion of the bill requires some of the state's largest utilities to shift from monthly to semi-monthly payments of sales taxes owed on electricity and telephone by moving these taxpayers to the same tax payment schedule as regular merchants. The budgetary effect of the provision is to shift some July, 2002 receipts (2002-03 fiscal year) into June, 2002 (2001-02 fiscal year), creating a one-time windfall for 2001-02. The estimates for the windfall were provided by the Tax Research Division of the Department of Revenue based on the actual June tax collection

experience from utilities. The recurring revenue comes from the investment earnings on the receipt of tax collections on a quicker basis. The assumed interest rate for this part of the analysis is 6.1%. The first-year recurring estimate is adjusted for the January 1, 2002 effective date.

Section 6: Accelerate Utility Franchise and Excise Tax Payments: This provision requires that the utilities franchise and excise taxes be paid on a semi-monthly basis. These taxes are now generally paid monthly. The budgetary effect of the provision is to shift some July, 2002 receipts (2002-03 fiscal year) into June, 2002 (2001-02 fiscal year), creating a one-time windfall for 2001-02. The estimates for the windfall were provided by the Department of Revenue based on the actual June tax collection experience from utilities. This estimate of \$16.0 million was reduced by Fiscal Research to \$14.5 million to reflect the FRD estimate of June franchise tax receipts. The recurring revenue comes from the investment earnings on the receipt of tax collections on a quicker basis. The assumed interest rate for this part of the analysis is 6.1%. The first-year recurring estimate is adjusted for the January 1, 2002 effective date.

Section 6: Enforce Compliance of Current Accelerated Withholding Schedule: Some employers who are required to remit withheld state income taxes on an accelerated basis (within 3 days after the payroll date) are continuing to send the money in monthly. The bill indicates that the Department of Revenue shall review the problem, take action to enforce the law, and report on the noncompliance. The additional one-time revenue gain results from the receipt of some withholding revenue during June, 2002 (2001-02 fiscal year) instead of July, 2002 (2002-03 fiscal year). This impact is estimated by the Department of Revenue, based on a review of the withholding amounts of non-compliance taxpayers. These dollars were allocated into three different payroll schedules, using the assumption that 20% belonged to weekly payrolls, 20% to monthly, and the remaining 60% to bimonthly or twice-monthly payrolls. For the weekly payroll allocation, the enforcement action will mean that for 3 weekly payroll periods the funds will be received in June, 2002 instead of July, 2002. For the bimonthly and twice-monthly payroll period, one of the two payments would be accelerated into June. For monthly payrolls, there would be no windfall. In addition, there would be some recurring revenue due to the accelerated timing of the payments but there is insufficient data at this time to include an estimate.

Section 7: State Boxing Commission: Currently the North Carolina State Boxing Commission regulates boxing and kickboxing in the state. This section of the bill expands their jurisdiction to include toughman competition, wrestling, and mixed martial arts events. This section also requires promoters to provide major medical coverage for each fighter. It mandates that the Commission issue federal identification cards to each boxer who pays the required fees, as required under the federal Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996. It requires all promoters to report all bout agreements and payments to the Commission, and expands the Secretary of Crime Control's ability to levy civil penalties to include penalties for violation of the Commission rules. This section establishes a fee of \$25.00 for issuing a federal ID card, increases event permit fees, and authorizes the Commission to charge an additional fee equal to 10% of the total purse of each professional boxing event. This section of the bill exempts events organized, promoted, and managed by the staff and volunteers of a 501(c) 3 organization from any of the event fees if the promoter or manager is not paid. In addition, the bill removes the Boxing Commission from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and makes it an independent organization. Section 7 also clarifies that none of the officers or board of the new organization shall be paid with state funds.

The bill increases the following boxing related fees:

License Fees: The bill establishes a new \$25.00 fee to issue a federal ID card. The Commission anticipates issuing 120 ID cards per year. This estimate is based on the current number of cards outstanding (241 which are renewed biannually). Assuming 120 cards are issued annually at a rate of \$25.00 this item will increase revenue by \$3,000.

Because the bill also extends the Commission’s jurisdiction to several new events it is anticipated that the number of licenses issued in several categories will also increase. While no specific numbers are available for the new events, the Commission has estimated the number of new licenses based on their experience with existing events. The Commission believes that the expansion will result in the issuance of 28 new promoter licenses, 584 official licenses, and 2590 contestant licenses. The anticipated revenue increase is as follows:

Type	Number	Fee	Revenue
Promoters	28	300	8,400
Officials	584	50	29,200
Contestants	2590	25	64,750
TOTAL	3202		102,350

Permit Fees: The bill increases the fees currently charged on event permits. The fees are based on the seating capacity for the match. The chart below indicates the existing fee, the proposed fee, and fee increase.

Seating Capacity	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Change
Less than 2,000	100	150	50
2,000 - 5,000	200	250	50
Each Additional 5,000*	300	350	50

* This is actually a change in language. Current law applies a \$300 fee to events with a seating capacity over 5,000.

The Commission indicates that they expect to host 79 boxing events annually. Because these events are already subject to a fee the fiscal impact is the \$50 increase. Assuming the \$50 fee increase is applied to the 79 events creates a revenue increase of \$3950. This may be an underestimate, as the Commission’s data does not account for the language change.

Applying the fees to kickboxing, toughman, wrestling, and mixed martial arts events will also create new revenue. The Commission believes this change will extend their fee base to 250 additional events. The revenue stream they anticipate from the fees associated with these new events is as follows:

Seating Capacity	New Events	Fee	Revenue
Less than 2,000	237	150	35,550
2,000 - 5,000	8	250	2,000
Each Additional 5,000*	5	350	1,750

TOTAL	250	39,300
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Purse Fees: The bill also allows the Commission to charge a fee equal to 10% of the total purse for each boxing event. The Commission indicates they expect this portion of the bill to raise \$5,000 based on their previous experience.

Civil Penalties: The bill also expands the Commission ability to levy civil penalties. Currently the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety is authorized to impose a civil penalty up to \$5,000 for a single violation of the statutes regarding boxing and \$25,000 for multiple violations in a single proceeding or a series of related proceedings. The bill extends this authority to include violations of the Commission’s rules. No fiscal estimate is available on the impact of this portion of the bill.

Non Profit Exemption: While the Commission does not know how many events will be sponsored by a 501(c) 3 organization the fiscal impact of the exemption for these organizations is expected to be minimal.

The Commission indicates that the total annual revenue associated with the bill is as follows:

Type	Revenue
License Fees	
Federal ID	3,000
New Events	102,350
Permit Fees	
Increase in Fees	3,950
New Events	39,300
Purse Fees	5,000
Civil Penalties	unknown
TOTAL	153,600

This is the anticipated first year revenue increase. Based on their experience over the past four years the Commission anticipates growth of 8% annually in events. The growth rate in license revenue has varied dramatically from 57.2% to a -9.5%. This note assumes a 10% annual increase in license revenues.

NOTE: The primary fiscal impact of the bill is to remove the commission from state government and make it an independent organization. According to Appropriations Fiscal Staff the Boxing Commission has a total budget of \$217,454. Of that, \$170,185 is used for salaries and benefits for three staff, leaving \$47,469 for operating costs. The total revenue generated in FY 99-00, under the current fee structure, was \$43,415. It is unclear how the Commission will generate the additional funds needed, since they will no longer receive a General Fund appropriation, and the current and new fees combined will not generate the amount of the current operating budget.

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