



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING A LIMITATION ON THE USE OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS.

Summary of Assessment

This bill adds video lottery terminals to the types of devices that are included in the definition of a "slot machine". Slot machines are gambling devices that are regulated by the Division of Gaming, as authorized by the Colorado Limited Gaming Act. The bill defines a "video lottery terminal" as any video device that plays or simulates the play of a lottery game approved by the Colorado Lottery Commission, or that plays or simulates the play of a game defined as class I or class II by the National Indian Gaming Commission.

The bill also prohibits the Colorado Lottery Commission from authorizing the use of video lottery terminals unless the authorization is submitted to and approved by Colorado voters. While under current law the Colorado Lottery Commission has the authority to authorize the use of video lottery terminals, the commission has never chosen to exercise that authority and is not expected to do so. The requirement for voter approval prior to authorizing the use of video lottery terminals means that video lottery terminals will be even less likely to be used as a form of gaming under the regulation of the Colorado Lottery Commission for the foreseeable future. As such, the limitation on the use of video lottery terminals, as specified in the bill will not impact state or local revenue or expenditures, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill becomes effective upon signature of the Governor.

Departments Contacted

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