

1 HouseBILL NO. 527  
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE MAXIMUM VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINE  
 5 PAYOUT IS \$800; AND AMENDING SECTION 23-5-608, MCA."

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0527, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

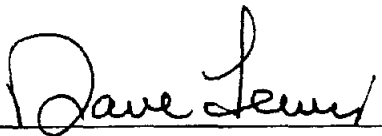
An act providing that the maximum video gambling machine payout is \$800.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Increasing the payout limit on a video poker machine will increase the popularity of play of the device. Poker machines currently make up approximately 47% of the active machine market and the average net daily income reported per poker machine is approximately \$30.
2. Increasing the payout limit on video poker machines to equal that of keno machines will decrease the relative popularity of keno machines. Keno machines currently make up approximately 53% of the active machine market and the average net daily income reported per keno machine is approximately \$48.
3. While the Department of Justice (DOJ) is certain the popularity, play and reported income from poker machines will increase as a result of increasing the maximum payout limit, it is difficult to predict an increase in overall video gambling machine tax collections. Keno machine play and reported net income will likely decrease. It is not known whether the increase in poker play will exceed the reduction in keno play, and thus result in an increase in tax collections.
4. The change in poker machine payout limits will not significantly increase department expense.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Unable to predict a probable fiscal impact with acceptable reliability.

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DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR      DATE  
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