



[HF 2349](#) – Excluded Gamblers, Racing and Gaming Commission Regulation (LSB5817HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2349](#) relates to the process involved when an individual requests to be voluntarily excluded from the wagering area and gaming floor of a gambling facility. The Bill requires the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) to establish a process to allow an individual to be voluntarily excluded, to disseminate information concerning such persons to all Iowa-licensed gambling facilities, and to provide such licensees electronic access to the names and social security numbers of voluntarily excluded persons through a secured, interactive Internet site, which the Commission is required to develop by January 1, 2019. [House File 2349](#) also requires all information stored on the Internet site to be kept confidential pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [22](#), unless ordered by a court or another person duly authorized to release such information.

Background

In requesting to be voluntarily excluded from the wagering area and gaming floor of a gambling facility, an individual has the choice to be initially excluded for five years, followed by subsequent five-year exclusions, or ultimately, a lifetime exclusion. A lifetime exclusion may not be rescinded. Under current law, all 19 licensed gaming entities in the State, with the cooperation and assistance of the Iowa Gaming Association, maintain a database of individuals who have opted to voluntarily exclude themselves from the wagering area and gaming floor of a gambling facility.

Assumptions

The IRGC will need to determine whether existing technology is able to accommodate the establishment and maintenance of a new secure Internet site to house the confidential information of individuals who voluntarily exclude themselves from the gaming and wagering areas of a gambling facility. The fiscal impact estimate below assumes that the Commission will not be able to utilize existing technology and will need to invest funds in constructing and maintaining a new online database.

Fiscal Impact

[House File 2349](#) is estimated to have the following fiscal impact as displayed in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Fiscal Impact to the IRGC, FY 2019 - FY 2020

	FY 2019	FY 2020
FTE Position(s)	1.0	1.0
Total	1.0	1.0
Salaries	\$ 120,000	\$ 125,000
Support	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Website Construction/Maintenance	\$ 100,000	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 225,000	\$ 135,000

The IRGC will need to hire 1.0 additional FTE position to assist in constructing, establishing, and maintaining the data warehouse that will house the confidential information of individuals who choose to voluntarily exclude themselves from all of Iowa's 19 gambling facilities. Support costs in FY 2019 refer to one-time costs associated with hiring and training a new employee. Initial website construction expenses are estimated to cost a maximum of \$100,000 in FY 2019, with maintenance costs estimated to total around \$10,000 for FY 2020 and subsequent years. Funding for these costs will come from the Gaming Regulatory Revolving Fund, established pursuant to Iowa Code section [99F.20](#).

Source

Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
