

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-644

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Cumber

**Date of Introduction:** September 10, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** September 12, 2019

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Code amendment

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 250 – Miscellaneous Business Regulations – to eliminate the 6 month amortization period provision for certain simulated gambling device operators and provide that use of all such devices must cease immediately. It adds language providing that any person operating or allowing the operation of such simulated gambling establishment shall be immediately subject to enforcement action.

**Background Information:** By Ordinance 2019-209-E the Council amended Ordinance Code Chapter 250 to declare the operation of simulated gambling devices for commercial, pecuniary or promotional gain to be a public nuisance. It authorized a 6-month window from the effective date of that ordinance for the continued operation of such equipment by operators holding a valid Certificate of Use for such facility at the time and required facilities not holding a valid COU at the time to cease operation immediately. The preamble of this bill states that since the adoption of the previous ordinance there has continued to be crime, including robberies and murders, at simulated gambling facilities during the amortization period to the extent that the threat to public order and safety requires an immediate end to the amortization period and immediate cessation of the use of such equipment.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public safety

**Fiscal Impact:** Undetermined inspection and enforcement costs of ensuring the complete cessation of operation of all simulated gambling facilities.

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