

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 128 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, MAITLAND, HALUSKA, ITKIN, BUNT, DEMPSEY,
STABACK AND SAINATO, JANUARY 29, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 29, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the licensing of
3 eligible organizations to conduct games of chance, for the
4 licensing of persons to distribute games of chance, for the
5 registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for
6 suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits;
7 requiring records; providing for local referendum by
8 electorate; and prescribing penalties," further providing for
9 limitations on prizes.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 5(d) of the act of December 19, 1988
13 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of
14 Chance Act, amended December 19, 1990 (P.L.812, No.195), is
15 amended to read:

16 Section 5. Prize limits.

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18 (d) Exception.--An eligible organization may conduct a
19 raffle and award a prize or prizes valued in excess of \$500 each
20 only under the following conditions:

21 (1) The licensing authority has issued a special permit

1 for the raffle under section 11.

2 (2) Eligible organizations shall be eligible to receive
3 no more than two special permits in any licensed year except
4 that volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue organizations shall
5 be eligible to receive no more than three special permits in
6 any licensed year.

7 (3) Only one raffle may be conducted under each special
8 permit.

9 (4) The total cash value of all prizes shall be no more
10 than \$25,000 for each raffle. Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of this act an organization may exceed the \$25,000
12 prize limit if the item being raffled off is a house which
13 will be used as a residential dwelling. The department shall
14 issue a special waiver to any eligible organization which
15 plans to exceed the \$25,000 limit in order to raffle off a
16 house.

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18 Section 2. The Department of Revenue shall promulgate the
19 necessary rules and regulations to administer and enforce this
20 act.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.