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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),  
2 entitled "An act providing for the licensing of eligible  
3 organizations to conduct games of chance, for the licensing  
4 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," in games of chance,  
9 providing for payment and for online raffle sales; and  
10 abrogating a regulation.

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

13 Section 1. The act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),  
14 known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, is amended  
15 by adding sections to read:

16 Section 301.2. Payment.

17 (a) Methods.--

18 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2) and  
19 notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed  
20 eligible organization may accept payment via credit card,  
21 debit card, mobile payment services or other electronic  
22 payment method for the playing of games of chance.

1           (2) A licensee under Chapter 9 may not accept mobile  
2           payment services for the playing of games of chance.

3           (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
4           words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
5           subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6           "Mobile payment service." A service in which a money payment  
7           is made electronically through a money transfer service, such as  
8           Venmo, Paypal, Cash App or an equivalent money transfer service.  
9           Section 303.2. Online raffle sales.

10          (a) Operations.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
11          act, a licensed eligible organization may conduct and reveal the  
12          winner of raffles through a publicly accessible Internet  
13          website, social media platform or mobile application.

14          (b) Payments.--A licensed eligible organization may accept  
15          electronic payment via credit card, debit card, mobile  
16          electronic payment application or other electronic payment  
17          method for the purchase of a raffle ticket, provided that the  
18          organization:

19               (1) employs a method to detect the physical location of  
20               an individual who buys a ticket for the raffle. The  
21               organization may not accept payment from an individual who is  
22               located outside of this Commonwealth;

23               (2) employs a method to verify that the individual who  
24               buys a raffle ticket is at least 18 years of age. The  
25               organization may not accept payment from an individual under  
26               18 years of age; and

27               (3) does not violate the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Ch. 53  
28               Subch. IV (relating to prohibition on funding of unlawful  
29               Internet gambling).

30          (c) Applicability.--The following sections shall not apply

1 to online raffle sales:

2       (1) Section 302.

3       (2) Section 303(b).

4       (3) Section 907.

5       Section 2. The provisions of 61 Pa. Code § 901.506 are  
6 abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of  
7 section 301.2 of the act.

8       Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.