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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, MARTIN, SCHWANK, ROBINSON, STEFANO,  
BARTOLOTTA, MASTRIANO AND HUTCHINSON, APRIL 19, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,  
APRIL 19, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 2019 (P.L.366, No.56), entitled "An  
2 act providing for sports raffles for charity; and making  
3 related repeals," further providing for athletic event  
4 drawing.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 4(e) of the act of July 2, 2019 (P.L.366,  
8 No.56), known as the Sports Raffle Charities Act, is amended and  
9 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

10 Section 4. Athletic event drawing.

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12 (e) Distribution.--The prize amount of an athletic event  
13 drawing shall be 50% of the total amount collected from the sale  
14 of athletic event drawing tickets. Except as provided under  
15 subsection (f), the other 50% of the total amount collected from  
16 the sale of athletic event drawing tickets shall be donated  
17 [within seven days from the date of the drawing] by the  
18 affiliated nonprofit organization conducting the athletic event

1 drawing [to one] in accordance with the following:

2 (1) Forty-five percent of the other 50% of the total  
3 amount collected from the sale of athletic event drawing  
4 tickets shall be donated within seven days from the date of  
5 the drawing to one or more designated charitable  
6 organizations for which the drawing was conducted and shall  
7 be used exclusively for public interest purposes.

8 (2) Five percent of the other 50% of the total amount  
9 collected from the sale of athletic event drawing tickets  
10 shall be used to fund grants issued by the Office of State  
11 Fire Commissioner under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subchs. B (relating  
12 to Fire Company Grant Program) and C (relating to Emergency  
13 Medical Services Grant Program). No later than June 30, 2024,  
14 and each June 30 thereafter, the affiliated nonprofit  
15 organization shall remit the amount collected under this  
16 paragraph in the prior year to the department. The department  
17 shall report the amount remitted under this paragraph to the  
18 State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall transfer the  
19 amount to a restricted revenue account within the General  
20 Fund to fund grants issued by the Office of State Fire  
21 Commissioner under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subchs. B and C.

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23 (k.1) Report.--

24 (1) The affiliated nonprofit organization shall compile  
25 a report with all of the following information for the prior  
26 year:

27 (i) The total amount collected from the sale of  
28 athletic event drawing tickets.

29 (ii) The total amount donated to one or more  
30 designated charitable organizations for which the

1 athletic event drawing was conducted under subsection (e)  
2 (1).

3 (iii) The total amount remitted under subsection (e)  
4 (2) to fund grants issued by the Office of State Fire  
5 Commissioner under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subchs. B and C.

6 (2) No later than September 30, 2024, and each September  
7 30 thereafter, the affiliated nonprofit organization shall  
8 submit the report under paragraph (1) to the State Treasurer  
9 on a form prescribed by the State Treasurer. The State  
10 Treasurer shall submit the report to all of the following:

11 (i) The department.

12 (ii) The chair and minority chair of the  
13 Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

14 (iii) The chair and minority chair of the  
15 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

16 (iv) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans  
17 Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the  
18 Senate.

19 (v) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans  
20 Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House  
21 of Representatives.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.