

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 177 Session of
1989

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JANUARY 31, 1989

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 24, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.737, No.156),
2 entitled "An act providing for the licensing of clubs to
3 conduct games of chance, for the licensing of persons to
4 distribute games of chance, for the registration of
5 manufacturers of games of chance, and for suspensions and
6 revocations of licenses and permits; requiring records;
7 providing for local referendum by electorate; and prescribing
8 penalties," defining the term "municipality."

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

11 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of December 19, 1988
12 (P.L.737, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of
13 Chance Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:

14 Section 3. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
16 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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2 "Municipality." A city, borough, incorporated town or
3 township or a home rule municipality formerly classified as a
4 city, borough, incorporated town or township.

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6 SECTION 2. SECTION 5 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ:

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7 SECTION 5. PRIZE LIMITS.

8 (A) INDIVIDUAL PRIZE LIMIT.--[THE] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
9 THIS SECTION, THE MAXIMUM CASH VALUE WHICH MAY BE AWARDED FOR
10 ANY SINGLE CHANCE SHALL BE \$500.

11 (B) WEEKLY LIMIT.--NO MORE THAN \$5,000 IN CASH OR
12 MERCHANDISE SHALL BE AWARDED BY ANY CLUB IN ANY SEVEN-DAY
13 PERIOD.

14 (C) LIMIT ON RAFFLES.--NO MORE THAN \$5,000 IN CASH OR
15 MERCHANDISE SHALL BE AWARDED IN RAFFLES IN ANY CALENDAR MONTH.
16 AS LONG AS THE MONTHLY LIMIT IS NOT EXCEEDED, THERE IS NO LIMIT
17 ON INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

18 (D) EXCEPTION.--A CLUB MAY CONDUCT A RAFFLE AND AWARD A
19 PRIZE OR PRIZES VALUED IN EXCESS OF [\$500] \$5,000 EACH ONLY
20 UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

21 (1) THE LICENSING AUTHORITY HAS ISSUED A SPECIAL PERMIT
22 FOR THE RAFFLE UNDER SECTION 10.

23 (2) NO CLUB SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MORE THAN TWO
24 SPECIAL PERMITS IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

25 (3) ONLY ONE RAFFLE MAY BE CONDUCTED UNDER EACH SPECIAL
26 PERMIT.

27 (4) THE TOTAL CASH VALUE OF ALL PRIZES SHALL BE NO MORE
28 THAN \$25,000 FOR EACH RAFFLE.

29 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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