

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

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 definitions, for prize limits and for special permits.

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

12 Section 1. The definition of "games of chance" in section
13 103 of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as
14 the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, amended February 2,
15 2012 (P.L.7, No.2), is amended and the section is amended by
16 adding a definition to read:

17 Section 103. Definitions.

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

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1 "Card game contest." A card game that is conducted with
2 multiple rounds of play of a specified number of hands for each
3 round and completed within a period not to exceed 24 hours, in
4 which:

5 (1) A player's bet must stay within the minimum and
6 maximum bet allowed at the table.

7 (2) A player is eliminated from the card game so
8 conducted if:

9 (i) the player loses all of the player's chips;

10 (ii) the player does not have enough chips to meet
11 the required minimum bet; or

12 (iii) the player has the fewest chips after a
13 certain number of hands are played.

14 (3) The winner of the card game so conducted is:

15 (i) the last player at the table; or

16 (ii) the player with the most chips after a certain
17 specified number of rounds are played.

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19 "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly
20 drawings, raffles and pull-tabs, as defined in this act,
21 provided that no such game shall be played by or with the
22 assistance of any mechanical or electrical devices or media
23 other than a dispensing machine or passive selection device and
24 further provided that the particular chance taken by any person
25 in any such game shall not be made contingent upon any other
26 occurrence or the winning of any other contest, but shall be
27 determined solely at the discretion of the purchaser. This
28 definition includes a card game contest. This definition shall
29 not be construed to authorize any other form of gambling
30 currently prohibited under any provision of Title 18 of the

1 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to crimes and
2 offenses) or authorized under 4 Pa.C.S. (relating to
3 amusements). Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize
4 games commonly known as "slot machines" or "video poker."

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6 Section 2. Section 302 of the act is amended by adding a
7 subsection to read:

8 Section 302. Prize limits.

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10 (i) Card game contest limits.--Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of this act to the contrary, the maximum cash value
12 that may be awarded for any single card game in a card game
13 contest shall be \$500.

14 Section 3. Section 308 of the act, amended February 2, 2012
15 (P.L.7, No.2), is amended to read:

16 Section 308. Special permits.

17 (a) Issuance and fee.--

18 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a special permit
19 for each raffle in which the licensed eligible organization
20 proposes to award individual prizes in excess of \$1,000.

21 (2) The licensing authority shall issue a special permit
22 for each card game contest that the licensee proposes to
23 conduct.

24 (3) The licensing authority may establish and collect a
25 fee not to exceed \$25 for the issuance of special permits
26 under this section.

27 (b) Permit application.--

28 (1) Each [special permit] application submitted for a
29 special permit under subsection (a) (1) shall specify the
30 location where the actual drawing will be held, the number of

1 chances to be sold, the price per chance and the prize to be
2 awarded.

3 (2) Each application submitted for a special permit
4 under subsection (a) (2) shall specify the location where the
5 card game contest will be conducted, the number of persons to
6 be admitted for the card game contest and all of the house
7 rules to be used.

8 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.