

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**No. 1696** Session of  
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AN ACT

1 Providing for the licensing of organizations to operate  
2 punchboards, providing for the use of the proceeds thereof,  
3 suspensions and revocations of licenses and for penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Definitions.

7 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
8 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
9 meanings given to them in this section:

10 "Punchboard." A game or device at which money may be played  
11 for or staked or betted upon by punching from it paper  
12 containing a number or other written material. It shall not  
13 include those machines commonly known as "slot machines."

14 Section 2. Authority.

15 An organization to which a license has been issued under the  
16 provisions of this act may operate a punchboard for the purpose  
17 of raising funds for a charitable purpose.

18 Section 3. Disposition of proceeds.

1 Fifty per cent of the net proceeds of the operation of a  
2 punchboard shall be paid into a State Punchboard Fund which is  
3 hereby created and shall be appropriated for the purpose of  
4 providing for a prescription card program to be established by  
5 the Department of Revenue.

6 Section 4. Duties of department.

7 The Department of Revenue shall have the duty to:

8 (1) Provide for the licensing of organizations to  
9 operate punchboards.

10 (2) Prescribe the form of applications for licenses and  
11 for the licenses.

12 (3) Issue licenses permitting the operation of  
13 punchboards.

14 (4) Prescribe rules and regulations for the supervision,  
15 conduct and type of punchboards.

16 (5) Suspend and revoke licenses for violations of this  
17 act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

18 (6) Hold hearings on request following a refusal of a  
19 license.

20 (7) Prescribe such other rules and regulations as may be  
21 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

22 Section 5. Fee.

23 Licenses to conduct a punchboard shall be issued to  
24 organizations applying for same for a fee of \$50 for each  
25 calendar year or part thereof.

26 Section 6. Improper conduct.

27 The Department of Revenue shall not issue a license to and  
28 shall revoke the license of an organization whenever it finds  
29 that:

30 (1) compensation, salary or fees are paid to anyone for

conducting the punchboard; or

(2) any of the funds derived from the operation of the punchboard are used for other than a charitable purpose.

Section 7. Records; duty of Auditor General.

(a) The licensee shall keep such records and books as the Department of Revenue shall prescribe.

(b) The licensee's records and books shall be audited by the Auditor General.

Section 8. Rules and regulations.

The Department of Revenue shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to establish and implement the carrying out of a card prescription for those citizens of this Commonwealth who are at least 62 years of age.

Section 9. Penalty.

Whoever operates a punchboard without a license as provided in this act shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and costs of prosecution and in default of the payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not more than 90 days. A conviction under the provisions of this act shall not be a bar to prosecutions under any other law of this Commonwealth.

Section 10. Repealer.

All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent herewith.

Section 11. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.