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AN ACT

1 Providing for airport systems to conduct 50/50 drawings and to
2 donate half of ticket sales to a designated eligible
3 charitable organization.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Airport
8 System 50/50 Drawing Act.

9 Section 2. Legislative intent.

10 The General Assembly hereby declares that raising funds from
11 a 50/50 drawing conducted in airport systems located in a county
12 of the second class, the net proceeds of which will be used for
13 charitable purposes, is in the public interest.

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:

18 "Airport." An airport situated in a county of the second

1 class and owned and controlled by a public authority created
2 under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 56 (relating to municipal authorities), the
3 former act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.463, No.191), known as the
4 Municipality Authorities Act of one thousand nine hundred and
5 thirty-five, or under the former act of May 2, 1945 (P.L.382,
6 No.164), known as the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945.

7 "Airport 50/50 drawing." A 50/50 drawing that is conducted
8 by an airport in accordance with this act.

9 "Airport system." One or more airports as defined in this
10 section.

11 Section 4. General rule.

12 A person may purchase one or more airport 50/50 drawing
13 tickets, and each ticket shall represent one entry in the
14 drawing for a winner. A single ticket shall be randomly chosen
15 as the winner after a certain number of tickets are sold or a
16 specified time period expires, as designated by the airport.

17 Section 5. Frequency and location.

18 An airport 50/50 drawing may be conducted at an airport no
19 more than one time per calendar day. Drawings may only be held
20 within the spaces of an airport terminal to which the general
21 public, including ticketed passengers, regularly have access.

22 Section 6. Distribution.

23 The prize amount of an airport 50/50 drawing shall be 50% of
24 the total amount collected from the sale of airport 50/50
25 drawing tickets. The other 50% of the total amount collected
26 from the sale of airport 50/50 drawing tickets shall be donated
27 within seven days from the date of the drawing by the airport to
28 the designated charitable organization for which the drawing was
29 conducted.

30 Section 7. Designated charitable organization.

1 The identity of the designated charitable organization for
2 which the airport 50/50 drawing is being conducted shall be
3 disclosed to all ticket purchasers.

4 Section 8. Eligibility.

5 In order to receive proceeds from an airport 50/50 drawing, a
6 charitable organization must be in existence and fulfill its
7 purposes prior to the airport 50/50 drawing and shall be
8 eligible for exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
9 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3)).
10 A political subdivision shall not qualify as a charitable
11 organization under this act, but an organization formed by a
12 political subdivision that is eligible for exemption under
13 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall
14 qualify as a charitable organization under this act.

15 Section 9. Unclaimed prizes.

16 Any airport 50/50 drawing prize remaining unclaimed by a
17 winner 180 days after the drawing shall be donated to the
18 designated charitable organization for which the airport 50/50
19 drawing was conducted.

20 Section 10. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.