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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 483 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BROWNE AND SOLOBAY,  
FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for pool selling and  
3 bookmaking.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5514 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5514. Pool selling and bookmaking.

9 [A] (a) Offense defined.--Except as provided in subsection  
10 (b), a person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree if  
11 he:

12 (1) engages in pool selling or bookmaking;

13 (2) occupies any place for the purpose of receiving,  
14 recording or registering bets or wagers, or of selling pools;

15 (3) receives, records, registers, forwards, or purports  
16 or pretends to forward, to another, any bet or wager upon the  
17 result of any political nomination, appointment or election,  
18 or upon any contest of any nature;

1 (4) becomes the custodian or depository, for gain or  
2 ward, of any property staked, wagered or pledged, or to be  
3 staked, wagered, or pledged upon any such result; or

4 (5) being the owner, lessee, or occupant of any  
5 premises, knowingly permits or suffers the same, to be used  
6 or occupied for any of such purposes.

7 (b) Authorized pools.--Any person who conducts or  
8 participates in a pool is not subject to prosecution under  
9 subsection (a) if all of the following apply:

10 (1) Not more than 100 individuals participate in the  
11 pool.

12 (2) The maximum amount wagered for each individual entry  
13 in the pool is \$20.

14 (3) Other than the wager no other money or thing of  
15 value is paid or given for participation in the pool.

16 (4) All wagers collected for entry into the pool are  
17 paid as prizes to one or more participants in the pool or to  
18 a clearly identified nonprofit organization.

19 (5) No wagers or portions thereof are retained by the  
20 person or entity operating the pool and collecting wagers for  
21 participation.

22 (6) The transaction of entering the pool is incidental  
23 to a bona fide social, professional or familial relationship.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.