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AN ACT

Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in games of chance, providing for Texas Hold'em card tournaments.

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By Hon. _____	

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," in preliminary
9 provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in games
10 of chance, providing for Texas Hold'em card tournaments.

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

13 Section 1. Section 103 of the act of December 19, 1988
14 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of
15 Chance Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:

16 Section 103. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall,
18 except as provided under section 902, have the meanings given to
19 them in this section unless the context clearly indicates
20 otherwise:

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1 "Texas Hold'em card tournament." A poker variant or
2 community card game where each player may use any combination of
3 five community cards and the player's own two hole cards to make
4 a poker hand. In tournament format, a player may bet up to the
5 amount of chips the player possesses.

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7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
8 Section 301.2. Texas Hold'em card tournaments.

9 (a) Conduct.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this
10 act, Texas Hold'em card tournaments may be conducted by
11 volunteer fire companies to which a license has been issued
12 under this section up to four times per calendar year. All Texas
13 Hold'em card tournaments must be held on volunteer fire company
14 grounds. Revenue generated from Texas Hold'em card tournaments
15 shall be used for public interest purposes as permitted under
16 this chapter.

17 (b) Special license.--A special license shall be required
18 for volunteer fire companies to conduct up to four Texas Hold'em
19 card tournaments per calendar year. A license fee of \$1,000
20 shall be charged to permit volunteer fire companies to conduct
21 up to four Texas Hold'em card tournaments per calendar year.

22 (c) Entry fee.--A volunteer fire company may charge an entry
23 fee of no more than \$100 per person.

24 (d) Prizes.--Notwithstanding section 302, volunteer fire
25 companies shall pay out prizes to no more than the top five
26 winning persons in a declining manner based on the player's
27 final placement in the Texas Hold'em card tournament. The prize
28 pool shall be based on entry fees collected.

29 (e) Costs and profits.--A volunteer fire company may keep up
30 to 60% of the entry fees collected.

1 (f) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate
2 regulations to impose standards and restrictions for the conduct
3 of Texas Hold'em card tournaments.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.