

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),
2 entitled "An act providing for the licensing of eligible
3 organizations to conduct games of chance, for the licensing
4 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, further providing for distributor licenses and for
11 registration of manufacturers and providing for poker run
12 permits.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The definition of "games of chance" in section
16 103 of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as
17 the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, is amended and the
18 section is amended by adding definitions to read:

19 Section 103. Definitions.

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

1 otherwise:

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3 "Dice run." A game operated by a licensed eligible
4 organization in which a participant purchases a scorecard to
5 participate in a game within a county where all of the following
6 occurs:

7 (1) The participant meets at a designated location to
8 receive instructions for the game.

9 (2) Each participant receives a detailed explanation of
10 the game destinations, rules for the game and a score card to
11 be completed as the participant progresses to each location
12 within the county.

13 (3) At each designated location on the run route, the
14 participant rolls two or more dice and the total value of the
15 dice is recorded on the participant's score card.

16 (4) A prize or prizes is awarded to one or more
17 participants according to the information provided to
18 participants under paragraph (2), which is determined at the
19 final location on the run route.

20 For purposes of this act, the term is not a "table game" as
21 defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103 (relating to definitions).

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23 "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly
24 drawings, 50/50 drawings, raffles, tavern games, pools, race
25 night games, poker runs and pull-tabs, as defined in this act,
26 provided that no such game shall be played by or with the
27 assistance of any mechanical or electrical devices or media
28 other than a dispensing machine or passive selection device and
29 further provided that the particular chance taken by any person
30 in any such game shall not be made contingent upon any other

1 occurrence or the winning of any other contest, but shall be
2 determined solely at the discretion of the purchaser. This
3 definition shall not be construed to authorize any other form of
4 gambling currently prohibited under any provision of 18 Pa.C.S.
5 (relating to crimes and offenses) or authorized under 4 Pa.C.S.
6 (relating to amusements). Nothing in this act shall be construed
7 to authorize games commonly known as "slot machines" or "video
8 poker" or other games regulated by the Pennsylvania Gaming
9 Control Board.

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11 "Poker run." A game operated by a licensed eligible
12 organization in which a participant purchases a scorecard to
13 participate in a game within a county where all of the following
14 occurs:

15 (1) The participant meets at a designated location to
16 receive instructions for the game.

17 (2) Each participant receives a detailed explanation of
18 the game destinations, rules of the game and a score card to
19 be completed as the participant progresses to each location
20 within the county.

21 (3) At each designated location on the run route, the
22 participant draws or is dealt a playing card at random and
23 the card which is drawn or dealt is recorded on the
24 participant's score card.

25 (4) The participant or participants who have obtained
26 the highest hand or hands, according to the information
27 provided to participants under paragraph (2), win a prize or
28 prizes, which are determined at the final location on the run
29 route.

30 For purposes of this act, the term is not a "table game" as

1 defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103 (relating to definitions). The term
2 includes a "dice run."

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4 Section 2. Sections 304(i) and 305(d) of the act are amended
5 to read:

6 Section 304. Distributor licenses.

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8 (i) Exception.--This section shall not apply to the
9 manufacture or distribution of raffle tickets, 50/50 drawings,
10 daily drawings, weekly drawings, poker runs or pools.

11 Section 305. Registration of manufacturers.

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13 (d) Exception.--This section shall not apply to the
14 manufacture or distribution of raffle tickets, 50/50 drawings,
15 daily drawings, weekly drawings, poker runs or pools.

16 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

17 Section 309. Poker run permits.

18 (a) Special permit required.--A licensed eligible
19 organization may operate a poker run for no more than one day
20 upon issuance of a poker run permit from the licensing
21 authority.

22 (b) Permit application.--Each poker run permit application
23 shall be submitted on a form and in a manner as required by the
24 licensing authority. Each application shall include:

- 25 (1) The poker run locations of operation.
26 (2) The date and hours of operation of the poker run.
27 (3) The price per chance.
28 (4) The prizes to be awarded.
29 (5) Any other information required by the licensing
30 authority.

1 (c) Issuance and fee.--A licensed eligible organization who
2 proposes to offer a poker run at locations permitted under
3 subsection (d) and whose license is valid and in good standing
4 shall be considered suitable for issuance of a poker run permit.
5 The licensing authority may establish and collect a fee not to
6 exceed \$25 for the issuance of a poker run permit under this
7 section. A licensing authority shall issue no more than four
8 poker run permits to a single licensed eligible organization in
9 any calendar year.

10 (d) Locations.--A poker run may only be operated at
11 locations within the county in which the eligible organization
12 has been issued a poker run permit under this section and a
13 license under section 307 by the licensing authority, provided
14 that the locations are not prohibited by local ordinance. A club
15 licensee issued a poker run permit under this section may
16 operate a poker run at its own licensed premises, locations
17 outside its licensed premises not prohibited by local ordinance
18 or at the licensed premises of another club licensee.

19 (e) Concurrent operation.--The following shall apply to the
20 concurrent operation of a poker run with other games of chance
21 operated by a licensed eligible organization holding a poker run
22 permit:

23 (1) Except at the licensed premises of a club licensee,
24 the licensed eligible organization that is not a club
25 licensee may operate other games of chance at any location
26 where the poker run is operated.

27 (2) A club licensee operating a poker run may
28 concurrently operate other games of chance at its licensed
29 premises. A club licensee may not operate a game of chance,
30 other than a poker run, outside its licensed premises during

1 the operation of a poker run.

2 (f) Applicability.--Section 307(b.2) shall not apply to a

3 poker run or other games of chance operated at poker run

4 locations by a licensed eligible organization issued a poker run

5 permit under this section.

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