

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1430 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, COHEN, DAVIS,  
DEASY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GROVE,  
HARHAI, HARKINS, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY, MANN, MATZIE, MILLARD,  
MIRABITO, SAINATO, STABACK, WAGNER AND WHITE, MAY 3, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, MAY 3, 2011

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," further providing for  
9 definitions, for prize limits and for special permits  
10 relating to card game contests.

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

13 Section 1. The definition of "games of chance" in section 3  
14 of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the  
15 Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, amended October 18, 2000  
16 (P.L.602, No.79), is amended and the section is amended by  
17 adding a definition to read:

18 Section 3. Definitions.

19 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
20 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
21 context clearly indicates otherwise:

1       \* \* \*

2       "Card game contest." A card game that is conducted with  
3 multiple rounds of play of a specified number of hands for each  
4 round and completed within a period not to exceed 24 hours, in  
5 which:

6           (1) A player's bet must stay within the minimum and  
7 maximum bet allowed at the table.

8           (2) A player is eliminated from the card game so  
9 conducted if:

10               (i) the player loses all of the player's chips;

11               (ii) the player does not have enough chips to meet  
12 the required minimum bet; or

13               (iii) the player has the fewest chips after a  
14 certain number of hands are played.

15           (3) The winner of the card game so conducted is:

16               (i) the last player at the table; or

17               (ii) the player with the most chips after a certain  
18 specified number of rounds are played.

19       \* \* \*

20       "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly  
21 drawings, raffles and pull-tabs, as defined in this act,  
22 provided that no such game shall be played by or with the  
23 assistance of any mechanical or electrical devices or media  
24 other than a dispensing machine or passive selection device and  
25 further provided that the particular chance taken by any person  
26 in any such game shall not be made contingent upon any other  
27 occurrence or the winning of any other contest, but shall be  
28 determined solely at the discretion of the purchaser. This  
29 definition includes a card game contest. This definition shall  
30 not be construed to authorize any other form of gambling

1 currently prohibited under any provision of Title 18 of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to crimes and  
3 offenses). Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize  
4 games commonly known as "slot machines" or "video poker."

5 \* \* \*

6 Section 2. Section 5 of the act is amended by adding a  
7 subsection to read:

8 Section 5. Prize limits.

9 \* \* \*

10 (i) Card game contest limits.--Notwithstanding any other  
11 provision of this act to the contrary, the maximum cash value  
12 which may be awarded for any single card game in a card game  
13 contest shall be \$500.

14 Section 3. Section 11 of the act, amended December 19, 1990  
15 (P.L.812, No.195), is amended to read:

16 Section 11. Special permits.

17 (a) Issuance and fee.--

18 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a special permit  
19 for each raffle in which the licensee proposes to award  
20 individual prizes having a cash value in excess of \$500.

21 (2) The licensing authority shall issue a special permit  
22 for each card game contest which the licensee proposes to  
23 conduct.

24 (3) The licensing authority may establish and collect a  
25 fee not to exceed \$25 for the issuance of special permits  
26 under this section.

27 (b) Permit application.--

28 (1) Each [special permit] application submitted for a  
29 special permit under subsection (a) (1) shall specify the  
30 location where the actual drawing will be held, the number of

1 chances to be sold, the price per chance and the cash value  
2 of the prize or prizes to be awarded.

3 (2) Each application submitted for a special permit  
4 under subsection (a) (2) shall specify the location where the  
5 card game contest will be conducted, the number of persons to  
6 be admitted for the card game contest and all of the house  
7 rules to be used.

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