
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, NOVEMBER 17, 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 and for prize limits.

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

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

17 Section 3. Definitions.

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

1 "50/50" raffles." A game of chance conducted by a major or
2 minor league baseball team affiliated nonprofit organization at
3 a home game in which 50% of the money taken in by raffle ticket
4 sales is offered as the prize and the remaining 50% is retained
5 by the affiliated nonprofit organization sponsoring the raffle
6 for the benefit of a charitable organization. A person may
7 purchase one or more raffle tickets, and each raffle ticket
8 purchased equals one entry in the drawing for a winner. A single
9 ticket is randomly chosen as the winner after a certain number
10 of tickets are sold or a specified time period expires as
11 designated by the affiliated nonprofit organization. There shall
12 be no limit on the number of times the organization may conduct
13 a 50/50 raffle during the course of any one season.

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15 "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly
16 drawings, raffles, 50/50 raffles and pull-tabs, as defined in
17 this act, provided that no such game shall be played by or with
18 the assistance of any mechanical or electrical devices or media
19 other than a dispensing machine or passive selection device and
20 further provided that the particular chance taken by any person
21 in any such game shall not be made contingent upon any other
22 occurrence or the winning of any other contest, but shall be
23 determined solely at the discretion of the purchaser. This
24 definition shall not be construed to authorize any other form of
25 gambling currently prohibited under any provision of Title 18 of
26 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to crimes and
27 offenses). Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize
28 games commonly known as "slot machines" or "video poker."

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30 Section 2. Section 5 of the act is amended by adding a

1 subsection to read:

2 Section 5. Prize limits.

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4 (i) 50/50 Raffles.--The limitations under subsections (a),
5 (b) and (c) shall not apply to a prize awarded in a 50/50
6 raffle. The prize amount for a 50/50 raffle shall be determined
7 by the total money collected during the 50/50 raffle. Any prize
8 unclaimed at the end of each baseball season shall be donated to
9 a charitable organization selected by the sponsoring major or
10 minor league baseball team affiliated nonprofit organization.

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