
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, JANUARY 28, 2015

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 the definition of "games of
10 chance"; and defining "coin auction."

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
14 103 of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as
15 the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, amended November 24,
16 2013 (P.L.1045, No.90) and November 27, 2013 (P.L.1062, No.92),
17 is amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to
18 read:

19 Section 103. Definitions.

20 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
21 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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3 "Coin auction." A game in which a participant buys a
4 numbered paddle for a chance to bid on a donated prize with the
5 winner determined by a random drawing of corresponding numbers.

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7 "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly
8 drawings, 50/50 drawings, raffles, coin auctions, tavern games,
9 pools, race night games and pull-tabs, as defined in this act,
10 provided that no such game shall be played by or with the
11 assistance of any mechanical or electrical devices or media
12 other than a dispensing machine or passive selection device and
13 further provided that the particular chance taken by any person
14 in any such game shall not be made contingent upon any other
15 occurrence or the winning of any other contest, but shall be
16 determined solely at the discretion of the purchaser. This
17 definition shall not be construed to authorize any other form of
18 gambling currently prohibited under any provision of 18 Pa.C.S.
19 (relating to crimes and offenses) or authorized under 4 Pa.C.S.
20 (relating to amusements). Nothing in this act shall be construed
21 to authorize games commonly known as "slot machines" or "video
22 poker" or other games regulated by the Pennsylvania Gaming
23 Control Board.

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