
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 338 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, HUGHES, FONTANA, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE,
WOZNIAK AND WHITE, JANUARY 28, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 28, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for pool selling and
3 bookmaking.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5514 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5514. Pool selling and bookmaking.

9 [A] (a) Offense defined.--Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), a person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree if
11 he:

12 (1) engages in pool selling or bookmaking;

13 (2) occupies any place for the purpose of receiving,
14 recording or registering bets or wagers, or of selling pools;

15 (3) receives, records, registers, forwards, or purports
16 or pretends to forward, to another, any bet or wager upon the
17 result of any political nomination, appointment or election,
18 or upon any contest of any nature;

1 (4) becomes the custodian or depository, for gain or
2 ward, of any property staked, wagered or pledged, or to be
3 staked, wagered, or pledged upon any such result; or

4 (5) being the owner, lessee, or occupant of any
5 premises, knowingly permits or suffers the same, to be used
6 or occupied for any of such purposes.

7 (b) Authorized pools.--Any person who conducts or
8 participates in a pool is not subject to prosecution under
9 subsection (a) if all of the following apply:

10 (1) Not more than 100 individuals participate in the
11 pool.

12 (2) The maximum amount wagered for each individual entry
13 in the pool is \$20.

14 (3) Other than the wager no other money or thing of
15 value is paid or given for participation in the pool.

16 (4) All wagers collected for entry into the pool are
17 paid as prizes to one or more participants in the pool or to
18 a clearly identified nonprofit organization.

19 (5) No wagers or portions thereof are retained by the
20 person or entity operating the pool and collecting wagers for
21 participation.

22 (6) The transaction of entering the pool is incidental
23 to a bona fide social, professional or familial relationship.

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