
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, MERSKI, HARKINS, RYAN, McNEILL,
WHEELAND, NEILSON, SAINATO AND CIRESI, APRIL 19, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, APRIL 19, 2021

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 games of chance,
9 further providing for licensing of eligible organizations and
10 for special permits.

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

13 Section 1. Sections 307(b.1) and 308(a) of the act of
14 December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option
15 Small Games of Chance Act, are amended to read:

16 Section 307. Licensing of eligible organizations.

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18 (b.1) Fee.--The license fee to be charged to each eligible
19 organization for a regular license shall be \$125. The license
20 fee to be charged for a monthly license shall be \$25. A regular
21 license must be renewed annually. The fee shall be used by the
22 licensing authority to administer this act. The licensing

1 authority may not charge a fee under this subsection to an
2 eligible organization during the COVID-19 disaster emergency. A
3 licensing authority that charges a fee under this subsection to
4 an eligible organization during the COVID-19 disaster emergency
5 shall refund the eligible organization for the amount charged to
6 the eligible organization. As used in this subsection, the term
7 "COVID-19 disaster emergency" means the proclamation of disaster
8 emergency declared by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published
9 at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
10 the state of disaster emergency.

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12 Section 308. Special permits.

13 (a) Issuance and fee.--The licensing authority shall issue a
14 special permit for each raffle in which the licensed eligible
15 organization proposes to award individual prizes in excess of
16 \$3,000. The licensing authority may establish and collect a fee
17 not to exceed \$25 for the issuance of special permits under this
18 section. The licensing authority may not collect a fee under
19 this subsection from a licensed eligible organization during the
20 COVID-19 disaster emergency. A licensing authority that collects
21 a fee under this subsection from a licensed eligible
22 organization during the COVID-19 disaster emergency shall refund
23 the licensed eligible organization for the amount collected from
24 the licensed eligible organization. As used in this subsection,
25 the term "COVID-19 disaster emergency" means the proclamation of
26 disaster emergency declared by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
27 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
28 the state of disaster emergency.

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30 Section 2. The amendment of sections 307(b.1) and 308(a) of

1 the act shall apply retroactively to March 6, 2020.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.