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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
MAY 22, 2023

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 providing for payment and for online raffle sales; and
10 abrogating a regulation.

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

13 Section 1. The act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),
14 known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, is amended
15 by adding sections to read:

16 Section 301.2. Payment.

17 (a) Methods.--

18 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2) and
19 notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed
20 eligible organization may accept payment via credit card,
21 debit card, mobile payment services or other electronic

1 payment method for the playing of games of chance.

2 (2) A licensee under Chapter 9 may not accept mobile
3 payment services for the playing of games of chance.

4 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
5 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
6 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Mobile payment service." A service in which a money payment
8 is made electronically through a money transfer service, such as
9 Venmo, Paypal, Cash App or an equivalent money transfer service.

10 Section 303.2. Online raffle sales.

11 (a) Operations.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this
12 act, a licensed eligible organization may conduct and reveal the
13 winner of raffles through a publicly accessible Internet
14 website, social media platform or mobile application.

15 (b) Payments.--A licensed eligible organization may accept
16 electronic payment via credit card, debit card, mobile
17 electronic payment application or other electronic payment
18 method for the purchase of a raffle ticket, provided that the
19 organization:

20 (1) employs a method to detect the physical location of
21 an individual who buys a ticket for the raffle. The
22 organization may not accept payment from an individual who is
23 located outside of this Commonwealth;

24 (2) employs a method to verify that the individual who
25 buys a raffle ticket is at least 18 years of age. The
26 organization may not accept payment from an individual under
27 18 years of age; and

28 (3) does not violate the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Ch. 53
29 Subch. IV (relating to prohibition on funding of unlawful
30 Internet gambling).

1 (c) Applicability.--The following sections shall not apply
2 to online raffle sales:

3 (1) Section 302.

4 (2) Section 303(b).

5 (3) Section 907.

6 Section 2. The provisions of 61 Pa. Code § 901.506 are
7 abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of
8 section 301.2 of the act.

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