

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 285—ASSEMBLYMAN LEAVITT

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HARDY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to charitable lotteries. (BDR 41-748)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to gaming; reviving an exception to authorize certain organizations to operate a charitable lottery without registering with the Chair of the Nevada Gaming Control Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, a qualified organization must register with the Chair of the
2 Nevada Gaming Control Board before operating a charitable lottery. (NRS
3 462.140) Existing law defines a “qualified organization” as an alumni, charitable,
4 civic, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans’ organization or a state
5 or local bar association that does not operate for profit. (NRS 462.125) This bill
6 reinstates an exception to the statute governing charitable lotteries that was
7 removed during the 2019 Legislative Session to allow certain lotteries to be
8 conducted without the qualified organization first registering with the Chair of the
9 Board. (Assembly Bill No. 117, Chapter 179, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page
10 956)

11 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes a qualified organization to operate a charitable
12 lottery without registering with the Chair of the Nevada Gaming Control Board if:
13 (1) the total value of the prizes offered does not exceed \$2,500 and the organization
14 operates no more than two lotteries per calendar year; or (2) the tickets or chances
15 for the charitable lottery are sold only to members of the organization, and guests of
16 its members at a special event sponsored by the organization, and the total value of
17 all prizes offered in lotteries operated by the organization during the calendar year
18 does not exceed \$15,000.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 462.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 462.140 1. A qualified organization may operate a charitable
3 lottery if:

4 (a) The qualified organization is registered by the Chair to
5 operate a charitable lottery pursuant to NRS 462.150 ~~[-]~~ and
6 ~~[(b)-The]~~ *the* total value of all the prizes offered in charitable
7 lotteries operated by the qualified organization during the same
8 calendar year, including, without limitation, the value of all
9 unclaimed cash prizes:

10 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2), does
11 not exceed \$500,000; or

12 (2) If the qualified organization is a qualified professional
13 sports organization, does not exceed \$2,000,000 ~~[-]~~;

14 ***(b) The total value of the prizes offered in the charitable lottery
15 does not exceed \$2,500 and the organization operates no more
16 than two charitable lotteries per calendar year; or***

17 ***(c) The tickets or chances for the charitable lottery are sold
18 only to members of the organization, and to guests of those
19 members while attending a special event sponsored by the
20 organization, and the total value of all the prizes offered in
21 charitable lotteries operated by the organization during the same
22 calendar year does not exceed \$15,000.***

23 2. As used in this section, “qualified professional sports
24 organization” means a qualified organization that is affiliated and
25 co-branded with a professional sports team franchise which:

26 (a) Is a member of Major League Baseball, Major League
27 Soccer, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey
28 League or the National Football League; and

29 (b) Plays the majority of its home games in this State.

30 ➔ The term does not include any minor league affiliate of any such
31 team franchise, association or league.

32 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

