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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 preliminary  
9 provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in games  
10 of chance, further providing for distributor licenses and for  
11 registration of manufacturers and providing for poker run  
12 permits.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The definition of "games of chance" in section  
16 103 of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as  
17 the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, is amended and the  
18 section is amended by adding definitions to read:

19 Section 103. Definitions.

20 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall,  
21 except as provided under section 902, have the meanings given to  
22 them in this section unless the context clearly indicates  
23 otherwise:

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2 "Dice run." A game operated by a licensed eligible  
3 organization in which a participant purchases a scorecard to  
4 participate in a game within a county where all of the following  
5 occurs:

6 (1) The participant meets at a designated location to  
7 receive instructions for the game.

8 (2) Each participant receives a detailed explanation of  
9 the game destinations, rules for the game and a score card to  
10 be completed as the participant progresses to each location  
11 within the county.

12 (3) At each designated location on the run route, the  
13 participant rolls two or more dice and the total value of the  
14 dice is recorded on the participant's score card.

15 (4) A prize or prizes is awarded to one or more  
16 participants according to the information provided to  
17 participants under paragraph (2), which is determined at the  
18 final location on the run route.

19 For purposes of this act, the term is not a "table game" as  
20 defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103 (relating to definitions).

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22 "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly  
23 drawings, 50/50 drawings, raffles, tavern games, pools, race  
24 night games, poker runs and pull-tabs, as defined in this act,  
25 provided that no such game shall be played by or with the  
26 assistance of any mechanical or electrical devices or media  
27 other than a dispensing machine or passive selection device and  
28 further provided that the particular chance taken by any person  
29 in any such game shall not be made contingent upon any other  
30 occurrence or the winning of any other contest, but shall be

1 determined solely at the discretion of the purchaser. This  
2 definition shall not be construed to authorize any other form of  
3 gambling currently prohibited under any provision of 18 Pa.C.S.  
4 (relating to crimes and offenses) or authorized under 4 Pa.C.S.  
5 (relating to amusements). Nothing in this act shall be construed  
6 to authorize games commonly known as "slot machines" or "video  
7 poker" or other games regulated by the Pennsylvania Gaming  
8 Control Board.

9 \* \* \*

10 "Poker run." A game operated by a licensed eligible  
11 organization in which a participant purchases a scorecard to  
12 participate in a game within a county where all of the following  
13 occurs:

14 (1) The participant meets at a designated location to  
15 receive instructions for the game.

16 (2) Each participant receives a detailed explanation of  
17 the game destinations, rules of the game and a score card to  
18 be completed as the participant progresses to each location  
19 within the county.

20 (3) At each designated location on the run route, the  
21 participant draws or is dealt a playing card at random and  
22 the card which is drawn or dealt is recorded on the  
23 participant's score card.

24 (4) The participant or participants who have obtained  
25 the highest hand or hands, according to the information  
26 provided to participants under paragraph (2), win a prize or  
27 prizes, which are determined at the final location on the run  
28 route.

29 For purposes of this act, the term is not a "table game" as  
30 defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103 (relating to definitions). The term

1 includes a "dice run."

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3 Section 2. Sections 304(i) and 305(d) of the act are amended  
4 to read:

5 Section 304. Distributor licenses.

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7 (i) Exception.--This section shall not apply to the  
8 manufacture or distribution of raffle tickets, 50/50 drawings,  
9 daily drawings, weekly drawings, poker runs or pools.

10 Section 305. Registration of manufacturers.

11 \* \* \*

12 (d) Exception.--This section shall not apply to the  
13 manufacture or distribution of raffle tickets, 50/50 drawings,  
14 daily drawings, weekly drawings, poker runs or pools.

15 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

16 Section 309. Poker run permits.

17 (a) Special permit required.--A licensed eligible  
18 organization may operate a poker run for no more than one day  
19 upon issuance of a poker run permit from the licensing  
20 authority.

21 (b) Permit application.--Each poker run permit application  
22 shall be submitted on a form and in a manner as required by the  
23 licensing authority. Each application shall include:

- 24 (1) The poker run locations of operation.  
25 (2) The date and hours of operation of the poker run.  
26 (3) The price per chance.  
27 (4) The prizes to be awarded.  
28 (5) Any other information required by the licensing  
29 authority.

30 (c) Issuance and fee.--A licensed eligible organization who

1 proposes to offer a poker run at locations permitted under  
2 subsection (d) and whose license is valid and in good standing  
3 shall be considered suitable for issuance of a poker run permit.  
4 The licensing authority may establish and collect a fee not to  
5 exceed \$25 for the issuance of a poker run permit under this  
6 section. A licensing authority shall issue no more than four  
7 poker run permits to a single licensed eligible organization in  
8 any calendar year.

9 (d) Locations.--A poker run may only be operated at  
10 locations within the county in which the eligible organization  
11 has been issued a poker run permit under this section and a  
12 license under section 307 by the licensing authority, provided  
13 that the locations are not prohibited by local ordinance. A club  
14 licensee issued a poker run permit under this section may  
15 operate a poker run at its own licensed premises, locations  
16 outside its licensed premises not prohibited by local ordinance  
17 or at the licensed premises of another club licensee.

18 (e) Concurrent operation.--The following shall apply to the  
19 concurrent operation of a poker run with other games of chance  
20 operated by a licensed eligible organization holding a poker run  
21 permit:

22 (1) Except at the licensed premises of a club licensee,  
23 the licensed eligible organization that is not a club  
24 licensee may operate other games of chance at any location  
25 where the poker run is operated.

26 (2) A club licensee operating a poker run may  
27 concurrently operate other games of chance at its licensed  
28 premises. A club licensee may not operate a game of chance,  
29 other than a poker run, outside its licensed premises during  
30 the operation of a poker run.

1     (f) Applicability.--Section 307(b.2) shall not apply to a  
2 poker run or other games of chance operated at poker run  
3 locations by a licensed eligible organization issued a poker run  
4 permit under this section.

5     Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.