
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ROZZI, JANUARY 30, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, JANUARY 30, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the licensing of
3 eligible organizations to conduct games of chance, for the
4 licensing 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," further providing for
9 definitions, for regulations and for club licensee.

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

12 Section 1. The definition of "games of chance" in section
13 103 of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as
14 the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, amended October 24,
15 2012 (P.L.1462, No.184), is amended and the section is amended
16 by adding definitions to read:

17 Section 103. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
19 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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2 "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly
3 drawings, 50/50 drawings, raffles, selective raffles and pull-
4 tabs, as defined in this act, provided that no such game shall
5 be played by or with the assistance of any mechanical or
6 electrical devices or media other than a dispensing machine or
7 passive selection device and further provided that the
8 particular chance taken by any person in any such game shall not
9 be made contingent upon any other occurrence or the winning of
10 any other contest, but shall be determined solely at the
11 discretion of the purchaser. This definition shall not be
12 construed to authorize any other form of gambling currently
13 prohibited under any provision of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
14 Consolidated Statutes (relating to crimes and offenses) or
15 authorized under 4 Pa.C.S. (relating to amusements). Nothing in
16 this act shall be construed to authorize games commonly known as
17 "slot machines" or "video poker."

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19 "Selective raffle." A game in which:

20 (1) A participant buys a ticket for a chance to win a
21 donated prize.

22 (2) The participant places his or her ticket in a
23 designated location for the prize which he or she would like
24 to win.

25 (3) The winner for each prize is determined by a random
26 drawing of tickets with a corresponding number for the prize.

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28 Section 2. Section 306(c) of the act, amended October 24,
29 2012 (P.L.1462, No.184), is amended and the section is amended
30 by adding a subsection to read:

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2 (c) Reporting requirements.--[Each] Except as provided under
3 subsection (c.1), each eligible organization which has proceeds
4 in excess of \$2,500 in a calendar year shall submit an annual
5 report to the department including:

6 (1) Prizes awarded as required under section 335 of the
7 act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform
8 Code of 1971.

9 (2) Amounts expended for public interest purposes.

10 (c.1) Exception.--The following shall not be included in the
11 report required under subsection (c):

12 (1) Prizes awarded from a 50/50 drawing which do not
13 exceed \$1,000 per game; and

14 (2) Prizes awarded from a selective raffle which do not
15 exceed \$5,000 per game.

16 Section 3. Section 501(a) of the act is amended by adding a
17 paragraph to read:

18 Section 501. Club licensee.

19 (a) Report.--

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21 (4) The following shall not be included in the report
22 required under paragraph (1).

23 (i) Prizes awarded from a 50/50 drawing which do not
24 exceed \$1,000 per game.

25 (ii) Prizes awarded from a selective raffle which do
26 not exceed \$5,000 per game.

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