

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 657 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, MILLARD, MULLERY, KAVULICH, HELM,  
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 READSHAW, KORTZ, MOLCHANY AND GABLER, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, FEBRUARY 11, 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 the definition of "games of chance"; and providing for the  
 10 definition of "a night at the races."

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

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

18 Section 103. Definitions.

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

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2 "Games of chance." Punchboards, daily drawings, weekly  
3 drawings, 50/50 drawings, raffles, a night at the races and  
4 pull-tabs, as defined in this act, provided that no such game  
5 shall 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 "A night at the races." A game in which a participant places  
20 a wager on a prerecorded horse race.

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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.