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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1153 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, HUTCHINSON, MUTH, PITTMAN AND J. WARD,  
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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,  
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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 games of chance,  
9 providing for payment; and abrogating a regulation.

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

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

15 Section 301.2. Payment.

16 (a) Methods.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
17 licensed eligible organization:

18 (1) Must accept cash as a payment method for the playing  
19 of games of chance.

20 (2) May accept a debit card as a payment method for the  
21 playing of games of chance.

1       (b) Policies.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
2 licensed eligible organization may establish its own policies  
3 concerning acceptance of checks, money orders and debit cards. A  
4 licensed eligible organization shall not be required to accept a  
5 check, money order or debit card.

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.