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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5671

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By Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports (originally sponsored by Senators Fortunato, Sheldon, Rivers, and Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to simplifying the process for bona fide  
2 charitable and nonprofit organization to engage in activities and  
3 social pastimes, and raise funds for their authorized purposes;  
4 amending RCW 9.46.0321 and 9.46.0277; and adding new sections to  
5 chapter 9.46 RCW.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0321 and 1987 c 4 s 28 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations  
10 organized primarily for purposes other than the conduct of such  
11 activities are hereby authorized to conduct bingo, raffles, and  
12 amusement games, without obtaining a license to do so from the  
13 commission but only when:

14 (1) Such activities are held in accordance with all other  
15 requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the  
16 commission;

17 (2) Said activities are(~~(, alone or in any combination,)~~)  
18 conducted no more than four times each calendar year for raffles and  
19 twice each calendar year for bingo and amusement games; and over a  
20 period of no more than twelve consecutive days each time,  
21 notwithstanding the limitations of RCW 9.46.0205: PROVIDED, That a

1 raffle conducted under this subsection may be conducted for a period  
2 longer than twelve days;

3 (3) Only bona fide members of that organization, who are not paid  
4 for such services, participate in the management or operation of the  
5 activities;

6 (4) Gross revenues to the organization from ~~((all the activities  
7 together))~~ raffles do not exceed ten thousand dollars during any  
8 calendar year;

9 (5) Gross revenues to the organization from bingo and amusement  
10 games do not exceed five thousand dollars during any calendar year;

11 ~~((+5))~~ (6) All revenue therefrom, after deducting the cost of  
12 prizes and other expenses of the activity, is devoted solely to the  
13 purposes for which the organization qualifies as a bona fide  
14 charitable or nonprofit organization;

15 ~~((+6))~~ (7) The organization gives notice at least five days in  
16 advance of the conduct of any of the activities to the local police  
17 agency of the jurisdiction within which the activities are to be  
18 conducted of the organization's intent to conduct the activities, the  
19 location of the activities, and the date or dates they will be  
20 conducted; and

21 ~~((+7))~~ (8) The organization conducting the activities maintains  
22 records for a period of one year from the date of the event which  
23 accurately show at a minimum the gross revenue from each activity,  
24 details of the expenses of conducting the activities, and details of  
25 the uses to which the gross revenue therefrom is put.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28 Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations  
29 authorized to conduct activities under this chapter may offer raffle  
30 tickets purchased as part of a multiple ticket package to be  
31 purchased at a discount. The organization may offer different levels  
32 of discounts based on the volume of tickets sold in the multiple  
33 packages.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
35 to read as follows:

36 Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations  
37 authorized to conduct activities under this chapter who are engaging  
38 in a gambling activity where the participants select their own

1 numbered, physical item, to hold pending a random selection of  
2 winning numbers, are not required to attach an individual numbered  
3 ticket with the item.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 9.46.0277 and 2009 c 133 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 "Raffle," as used in this chapter, means a game in which tickets  
7 bearing an individual number are sold for not more than one hundred  
8 dollars each and in which a prize or prizes are awarded on the basis  
9 of a drawing from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the  
10 game, when the game is conducted by a bona fide charitable or  
11 nonprofit organization, no person other than a bona fide member of  
12 the organization takes any part in the management or operation of the  
13 game, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to the benefit of any  
14 person other than the organization conducting the game. For the  
15 purposes of section 3 of this act, "raffle" also means a game in  
16 which a numbered, physical item is used without a ticket attached.

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