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5:8-60.5

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 386, *approved January 19, 1998*  
Senate, No. 1762 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the conduct of raffles and amending and  
2 supplementing P.L.1954, c.5.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that it is the  
8 purpose of this act to assist charitable, civic and service organizations,  
9 including volunteer fire companies, first-aid squads, church  
10 organizations, school groups, veterans' organizations and senior  
11 citizen clubs, in conducting raffles to raise funds for educational,  
12 charitable, patriotic, religious and public-spirited purposes.

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14 2. Section 10 of P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-59) is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 10. a. No person under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to  
17 participate in any manner in any game or games of chance not  
18 conducted by a drawing, except that a person under the age of 18  
19 years shall be permitted to play a game of chance not conducted by a  
20 drawing when the prize offered and awarded consists of merchandise  
21 [only and does not include] <sup>2</sup>[or consists of] only and does not  
22 include<sup>2</sup> cash or money <sup>2</sup>[in an amount not in excess of \$20]<sup>2</sup>.

23 b. No person under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to  
24 participate in any manner in any game or games of chance conducted  
25 by a drawing, held, operated or conducted pursuant to any license  
26 issued under this act, except that a person under the age of 18 years  
27 shall be permitted to play an on-premises draw raffle, including a  
28 <sup>1</sup>[Chinese] Penny<sup>1</sup> auction, when any prize offered and awarded  
29 consists of merchandise only.

30 (cf: P.L.1994, c.63, s.16)

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate SSG committee amendments adopted March 3, 1997.

<sup>2</sup> Senate floor amendments adopted March 10, 1997.

1       <sup>1</sup>[3. (New section) A qualified organization which is authorized  
2 and licensed to conduct raffles pursuant to the "Raffles Licensing  
3 Law," P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-50 et seq.), may conduct a Chinese  
4 auction on up to two occasions in each calendar year, except that the  
5 Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission may provide, by  
6 regulation, that such organizations may conduct Chinese auctions on  
7 more than two occasions per calendar year.]<sup>1</sup>

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9       <sup>1</sup>[4.] 3.<sup>1</sup> (New section) As used in P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-50 et seq.),  
10 as amended and supplemented, "<sup>1</sup>[Chinese] Penny<sup>1</sup> auction" means an  
11 event at which multiple items of merchandise, or gift certificates  
12 therefor, but not cash, are raffled by drawing the winning ticket from  
13 a container designated for each item into which players seeking to win  
14 that item have placed tickets, with all tickets having been sold for the  
15 same price or different prices and each ticket placed in a container  
16 having an equal chance of winning.

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18       <sup>1</sup>[5.] 4.<sup>1</sup> (New section) The Legalized Games of Chance Control  
19 Commission shall promulgate regulations allowing qualified  
20 organizations to:

21       a. offer as a raffle prize any personal or professional service, or a  
22 gift certificate for any personal or professional service, which is a  
23 lawful activity and which the commission determines to be an  
24 appropriate raffle prize<sup>1</sup>, and the value of which is within the limits set  
25 by the commission for raffle prizes<sup>1</sup>;

26       b. offer as a raffle prize <sup>1</sup>[any live animal the possession of which  
27 does not require a permit issued by the Department of Environmental  
28 Protection] a gift certificate redeemable for live, edible seafood the  
29 value of which is within the limits set by the commission for raffle  
30 prizes<sup>1</sup>;

31       c. offer a discount to any person purchasing two or more tickets  
32 for a draw raffle; and

33       d. use <sup>1</sup>a big six wheel.<sup>1</sup> a big eight wheel <sup>1</sup>or other wheel<sup>1</sup> to  
34 determine the winner of a non-draw raffle.

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36       <sup>1</sup>[6.] 5.<sup>1</sup> (New section) The Legalized Games of Chance Control  
37 Commission shall prepare, publish and make available to any qualified  
38 organization, upon request, a pamphlet which describes in plain and  
39 simple language the rights, duties and responsibilities of organizations  
40 conducting raffles and the exact manner in which games of chance are  
41 to be conducted.

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43       <sup>1</sup>[7.] 6.<sup>1</sup> (New section) Prior to initiating administrative action or  
44 bringing charges against an organization qualified to conduct raffles  
45 for a violation which relates to the conduct of games or the awarding  
46 of prizes, the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission shall

1 first issue a verbal or written warning and offer the organization the  
2 opportunity to cease the conduct which constitutes the violation.

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4 <sup>1</sup>[8.] 7.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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9 Makes various changes to the laws governing the conduct of raffles.