

CHAPTER 36

AN ACT concerning raffles, and amending and supplementing P.L.1954, c.5.

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

1. Section 13 of P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-62) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:8-62 Limitations on prizes.

13. No prize shall be offered and given in cash except as authorized by regulation promulgated by the control commission.

a. The aggregate retail value of all prizes to be offered and given by raffles held, operated and conducted under any license issued under P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-50 et seq.) in any calendar year shall not exceed \$500,000.00, but the limit so fixed shall not apply to any raffle with respect to which all tickets, shares or rights to participate are sold only to persons present, the winners determined, and the prizes awarded, on the same occasion or if the prizes are wholly donated.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section, the maximum prize that may be offered and awarded in a golf hole-in-one contest shall not exceed \$1,000,000. Any prizes above \$25,000 shall be offered and awarded only when the entire amount is insured by a company licensed to conduct business in this State and approved by the control commission. The prize shall be paid as an annuity with a payout over a maximum period of 20 years. Ancillary prizes awarded shall have an aggregate retail value no greater than that provided by subsection a. of this section and shall also be subject to the provisions of subsection c. of this section.

c. No prize having a retail value greater than that prescribed by regulation promulgated by the control commission shall be awarded in any raffle conducted by a drawing, or for each spin of the wheel or other allotment by chance.

2. Section 14 of P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-63) is amended to read as follows:

C.5:8-63 Advertising of games prohibited, exceptions.

14. No game of chance to be conducted under any license issued under this act shall be advertised as to its location, the time when it is to be or has been played, or the prizes awarded or to be awarded, by means of newspapers, radio, television or sound truck, or by means of billboards, posters or handbills or any other means addressed to the general public in any municipality in which the majority of voters voting therein have not voted in favor of the adoption of the provisions of P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-50 et seq.) or in any municipality in which the majority of voters voting therein have voted in favor of rescinding the adoption of the provisions of this act.

C.5:8-63.1 Regulations governing advertising of game of chance.

3. The Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission shall promulgate regulations to govern the advertising of any game of chance occurring in any municipality in which the majority of voters voting therein have voted in favor of the adoption of the "Raffles Licensing Law," P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-50 et seq.) and in which the game of chance is held, operated or conducted under any license issued by the control commission pursuant to the provisions of that act.

The regulations shall prohibit:

a. any advertisement from containing any false, deceptive, misleading or fraudulent statement regarding the holding, operation or conduct of a game of chance;

b. any advertisement from causing undue or unfair competition between organizations registered with the control commission that are holding competing games of chance; and

c. the use, to an extent deemed excessive, of the proceeds derived from the conduct of any individual game of chance for advertising subsequent games of chance.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 18, 1996.