

SENATE, No. 448

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 18, 1996

By Senators SINGER and CONNORS

1 AN ACT concerning raffles, and amending and supplementing
2 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. Section 13 of P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-62) is amended to read as
8 follows:

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

11 a. The aggregate retail value of all prizes to be offered and given
12 by raffles held, operated and conducted under any license issued under
13 P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-50 et seq.) in any calendar year shall not exceed
14 \$500,000.00, but the limit so fixed shall not apply to any raffle with
15 respect to which all tickets, shares or rights to participate are sold only
16 to persons present, the winners determined, and the prizes awarded,
17 on the same occasion or if the prizes are wholly donated.

18 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section,
19 the maximum prize that may be offered and awarded in a golf
20 hole-in-one contest shall not exceed \$1,000,000. Any prize in such a
21 contest in an amount greater than \$500,000 but not exceeding
22 \$1,000,000 shall be offered and awarded only when the entire amount
23 is insured by a company licensed to conduct business in this State and
24 approved by the control commission. The prize shall be paid as an
25 annuity with a payout over a maximum period of 40 years. Any
26 ancillary prizes awarded shall have an aggregate retail value no greater
27 than that provided by subsection a. of this section.

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

32 (cf: P.L.1994, c.63, s.19)

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

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.

1 follows:

2 14. No game of chance to be conducted under any license issued
3 under this act shall be advertised as to its location, the time when it is
4 to be or has been played, or the prizes awarded or to be awarded, by
5 means of newspapers, radio, television or sound truck, or by means of
6 billboards, posters or handbills or any other means addressed to the
7 general public[, except that 1 sign not exceeding 60 square feet in area
8 may be displayed on the premises where the drawing or allotment of
9 prizes is to be held and also where the prize is to be exhibited and an
10 additional similar sign may be displayed on or adjacent to the premises
11 where the prize or prizes are displayed and additional signs may be
12 displayed upon any fire fighting equipment belonging to any licensee,
13 which is a volunteer fire company or upon any first-aid or rescue
14 squad equipment belonging to any licensee, which is a first-aid or
15 rescue squad, in and throughout the community or communities served
16 by such volunteer fire company or such first-aid or rescue squad, as
17 the case may be] in any municipality in which the majority of voters
18 voting therein have not voted in favor of the adoption of the
19 provisions of P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-50 et seq.) or in any municipality
20 in which the majority of voters voting therein have voted in favor of
21 rescinding the adoption of the provisions of this act.

22 (cf: P.L.1955, c.161, s.8)

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

32 The regulations shall prohibit:

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

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

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

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43 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill amends the "Raffles Licensing Law", P.L.1954, c.5, to
4 place limits on the prizes awarded in certain raffles and to establish
5 restrictions on advertising games of chance in certain municipalities.

6 Specifically, the bill provides that:

7 1) the maximum prize that may be offered and awarded in a golf
8 hole-in-one contest shall not exceed \$1,000,000 and any prize in such
9 a contest in an amount greater than \$500,000 but not exceeding
10 \$1,000,000 shall be offered and awarded only when the entire amount
11 is insured by a company licensed to conduct business in this State and
12 approved by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

13 2) the prize in such a contest shall be paid as an annuity with a
14 payout over a maximum period of 40 years;

15 3) no game of chance shall be advertised in any municipality in
16 which the majority of voters voting therein have not voted in favor of
17 the adoption of the provisions of the "Raffles Licensing Law" or in any
18 municipality in which the majority of voters voting therein have voted
19 in favor of rescinding the adoption of the provisions of that law; and

20 4) the control commission shall promulgate regulations to govern
21 the advertising of any game of chance occurring in a municipality in
22 which the game of chance is held, operated or conducted under any
23 license issued thereby.

24 The regulations would prohibit: 1) any advertisement from
25 containing any false, deceptive, misleading or fraudulent statement
26 regarding the holding, operation or conduct of a game of chance; 2)
27 any advertisement from causing undue or unfair competition between
28 organizations registered with the control commission that are holding
29 competing games of chance; and 3) the use, to an extent deemed
30 excessive, of the proceeds derived from the conduct of any individual
31 game of chance for advertising subsequent games of chance.

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36 Prescribes prize limits for certain raffles; establishes restrictions on
37 advertising games of chance.