

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Revises exemption from license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise; increases total retail value from \$50 to \$200 or higher if permitted.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee with technical review.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2015)

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

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

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6 1. Section 2 of P.L.1954, c.5 (C.5:8-51) is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 2. a. It shall be lawful for the governing body of any  
9 municipality, at any time after this act shall become operative  
10 within such municipality and except when prohibited by this act, to  
11 license bona fide organizations or associations of veterans of any  
12 war in which the United States has been engaged, churches or  
13 religious congregations and religious organizations, charitable,  
14 educational and fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs,  
15 senior citizen associations and clubs, officially recognized volunteer  
16 fire companies, and officially recognized volunteer first aid or  
17 rescue squads, to hold and operate the specific kind of game or  
18 games of chance commonly known as a raffle or raffles played by  
19 drawing for prizes or the allotment of prizes by chance, by the  
20 selling of shares or tickets or rights to participate in such game or  
21 games and by conducting the game or games accordingly, when the  
22 entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to  
23 educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses,  
24 and in the case of organizations or associations of veterans, and  
25 senior citizen associations and clubs to the support of these  
26 organizations, and for any such organization or association, church,  
27 congregation, society, club, company or squad, when so licensed or  
28 without any license when and as hereinafter prescribed, to hold,  
29 operate and conduct such game of chance pursuant to this act and  
30 such license, in such municipality and to sell shares or tickets or  
31 rights to participate in such game or games of chance therein and in  
32 any other municipality which shall have adopted this act and under  
33 such conditions and regulations for the supervision and conduct  
34 thereof as shall be prescribed by rules and regulations duly adopted  
35 from time to time by the Legalized Games of Chance Control  
36 Commission, hereinafter designated as the control commission, not  
37 inconsistent with the provisions of this act, but only when the entire  
38 net proceeds thereof are devoted to the uses aforesaid and for any  
39 person or persons to participate in and play such games of chance  
40 conducted under any such license.

41 b. The control commission may adopt regulations authorizing  
42 licensees to hold events known as:

43 "armchair races" at which wagers are placed on the outcome of  
44 previously-filmed horse races and wagers do not know the results

**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 in advance, when the prize awarded consists of merchandise or  
2 raffle tickets only, and not cash; and

3 "casino nights" at which players use chips or script purchased  
4 from the licensee to wager in games of chance known as blackjack,  
5 under/over, beat-the-dealer, chuck-a-luck, craps, roulette, bingo or  
6 similar games approved by the commission, when the chips or  
7 script are redeemable for merchandise or raffle tickets only, and not  
8 for cash.

9 The regulations shall establish the frequency with which these  
10 events may be held, the rules of the games, the specific type and  
11 value of prizes which may be offered, the qualifications of the  
12 individuals conducting the games and other requirements which the  
13 commission may deem pertinent.

14 c. No license shall be required for the holding, operating or  
15 conducting of a raffle for a door prize of **【donated】** merchandise of  
16 the total retail value of **【less than \$50.00】** \$200.00 or less, or a  
17 higher amount as established by regulation of the control  
18 commission, for which no extra charge is made at an assemblage  
19 **【at which no other game of chance is held, operated or conducted】**,  
20 if the proceeds of such assemblage are devoted to the uses described  
21 in this section.

22 (cf: P.L.2013, c.85, s.2)

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.