1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023) 3 ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 616 By: Howard of the Senate 5 and 6 Kannady of the House 7 8 9 An Act relating to lotteries; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1051, which relates to organizations permitted to issue tickets; modifying requirements 10 for certain tickets; modifying persons authorized to conduct raffles for qualified organization; updating 11 statutory references; and providing an effective 12 date. 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1051, is 16 amended to read as follows: 17 Section 1051. A. A lottery is any scheme for the disposal or 18 distribution of property by chance among persons who have paid, or 19 promised, or agreed to pay any valuable consideration for the chance 20 of obtaining such property, or a portion of it, or for any share of 21 or interest in such property, upon any agreement, understanding or 22 expectation that it is to be distributed or disposed of by a lot or 23 chance, whether called a lottery, a raffle, or a gift enterprise, or 24

- by whatever name the same may be known. "Valuable consideration"

 shall be construed to mean money or goods of actual pecuniary value.

 Provided, it shall not be a violation of the lottery or gambling

 laws of this state for:
 - 1. The Oklahoma Lottery Commission to conduct a lottery pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act;
 - 2. A bona fide resident merchant or merchants of a city or town, acting in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce or Commercial Club of this state thereof, to issue free of charge numbered tickets on sales of merchandise, the corresponding stub of one or more of which tickets to be drawn or chosen by lot by a representative or representatives of the Chamber of Commerce or of the Commercial Club in the manner set forth on the tickets, the numbered stub or stubs so drawn to entitle the holder of the corresponding numbered issued ticket to a valuable prize donated by the merchant;
 - 3. A bona fide community chest welfare fund on a military post or reservation to issue numbered tickets in conjunction with voluntary contributions to the fund, the corresponding stub or stubs of one or more of the tickets to be drawn by lot under the supervision of a military commander, the stub or stubs so drawn entitling the ticket holder to a prize of some value. Provided, however, that no person shall sell tickets or receive contributions to the fund off the military reservation;

1	4.	a.	A qualified organization to raise funds by issuing
2			numbered tickets in conjunction with voluntary
3			contributions to the qualified organization, the
4			corresponding stub or stubs numbered ticket or tickets
5			of one or more of the tickets to be drawn by lot under
6			the supervision of an official of the qualified
7			organization, the stub or stubs corresponding numbered
8			ticket or tickets so drawn entitling the ticket holder
9			to a prize. As used in this paragraph, "qualified
10			organization" means:
11			(1) a church,
12			(2) a public or private school accredited by the
13			State Department of Education or registered by
14			the State Board of Education for purposes of
15			participating in federal programs,
16			(3) a student group or organization affiliated with a
17			public or private school qualified pursuant to
18			division (2) of this subparagraph,
19			(4) a parent-teacher association or organization
20			affiliated with a public or private school
21			qualified pursuant to division (2) of this
22			subparagraph,
23			(5) fire departments,
24			(6) police departments,

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- (7) organizations that are exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c) et seq., or
- (8) an "organization" as such term is defined in paragraph 20 of Section 402 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- b. Any raffle conducted by a qualified organization shall be conducted by employees or members of the qualified organization without compensation to any member or employees of a company associated with or an affiliate of the qualified organization, whether paid or unpaid; provided, such persons shall not be provided with additional compensation, incentives, or bonuses based on the number of tickets sold. The qualified organization shall not hire or contract with any person or business association, corporation, partnership, limited partnership or limited liability company to conduct a raffle, to sell raffle tickets or to solicit contributions in connection with a raffle on behalf of the organization;
- 5. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to conduct controlled, draw, lottery or raffle hunts; or

1	6. Savings promotion raffle accounts or programs pursuant to			
2	Section 1 of this act 908 of Title 6 of the Oklahoma Statutes.			
3	B. If the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act ceases to have the			
4	force and effect of law pursuant to Section 735 of Title 3A of the			
5	Oklahoma Statutes, the provisions of paragraph 3 of subsection A of			
6	this section shall cease to have the force and effect of law.			
7	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.			
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9	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 04/19/2023 - DO PASS.			
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