

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR GEBHARD, COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 12, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),
2 entitled "An act providing for the licensing of eligible
3 organizations to conduct games of chance, for the licensing
4 of persons to distribute games of chance, for the
5 registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for
6 suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits;
7 requiring records; providing for local referendum by
8 electorate; and prescribing penalties," in games of chance,
9 providing for payment and for online raffle sales; and
10 abrogating a regulation. <--

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),
14 known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, is amended
15 by adding sections A SECTION to read: <--

16 Section 301.2. Payment.

17 (a) Methods.--

18 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2) and
19 notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed
20 eligible organization may accept payment via credit card,
21 debit card, mobile payment services or other electronic

1 ~~payment method for the playing of games of chance. PURCHASE~~ <--
2 ~~OF A RAFFLE TICKET, PROVIDED THAT THE ORGANIZATION:~~

3 ~~(I) EMPLOYS A METHOD TO VERIFY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL~~
4 ~~WHO BUYS A RAFFLE TICKET IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE. THE~~
5 ~~ORGANIZATION MAY NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT FROM AN INDIVIDUAL~~
6 ~~UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE; AND~~

7 ~~(II) DOES NOT VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF 31 U.S.C.~~
8 ~~CH. 53 SUBCH. IV (RELATING TO PROHIBITION ON FUNDING OF~~
9 ~~UNLAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING).~~

10 ~~(2) A licensee under Chapter 9 may not accept mobile~~
11 ~~payment services for the playing of games of chance.~~

12 ~~(b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following~~
13 ~~words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this~~
14 ~~subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

15 ~~"Mobile payment service." A service in which a money payment~~
16 ~~is made electronically through a money transfer service., such~~ <--
17 ~~as Venmo, Paypal, Cash App or an equivalent money transfer~~
18 ~~service.~~

19 ~~Section 303.2. Online raffle sales.~~

20 ~~(a) Operations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this~~
21 ~~act, a licensed eligible organization may conduct and reveal the~~
22 ~~winner of raffles through a publicly accessible Internet~~
23 ~~website, social media platform or mobile application.~~

24 ~~(b) Payments. A licensed eligible organization may accept~~
25 ~~electronic payment via credit card, debit card, mobile~~
26 ~~electronic payment application or other electronic payment~~
27 ~~method for the purchase of a raffle ticket, provided that the~~
28 ~~organization:~~

29 ~~(1) employs a method to detect the physical location of~~
30 ~~an individual who buys a ticket for the raffle. The~~

1 ~~organization may not accept payment from an individual who is~~
2 ~~located outside of this Commonwealth;~~

3 ~~(2) employs a method to verify that the individual who~~
4 ~~buys a raffle ticket is at least 18 years of age. The~~
5 ~~organization may not accept payment from an individual under~~
6 ~~18 years of age; and~~

7 ~~(3) does not violate the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Ch. 53~~
8 ~~Subch. IV (relating to prohibition on funding of unlawful~~
9 ~~Internet gambling).~~

10 ~~(c) Applicability. The following sections shall not apply~~
11 ~~to online raffle sales:~~

12 ~~(1) Section 302.~~

13 ~~(2) Section 303(b).~~

14 ~~(3) Section 907.~~

15 Section 2. The provisions of 61 Pa. Code § 901.506 are
16 abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of
17 section 301.2 of the act.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.