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Senate Bill No. 880

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROMOTING RAFFLE TICKET SALES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 No bazaar or raffle may be promoted, operated or conducted in any
4 municipality after the adoption of the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-
5 186, inclusive, unless it is sponsored and conducted exclusively by (1)
6 an officially recognized organization or association of veterans of any
7 war in which the United States has been engaged, (2) a church or
8 religious organization, (3) a civic or service club, (4) a fraternal or
9 fraternal benefit society, (5) an educational or charitable organization,
10 (6) an officially recognized volunteer fire company, (7) a political party
11 or town committee thereof, or (8) a municipality acting through a
12 committee designated to conduct a celebration of the municipality's
13 founding on its hundredth anniversary or any multiple thereof. Any
14 such sponsoring organization, except a committee designated

15 pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section, shall have been organized in
16 good faith and actively functioning as a nonprofit organization within
17 the municipality that is to issue the permit for a period of not less than
18 six months prior to its application for a permit under the provisions of
19 said sections. The promotion and operation of a bazaar or raffle shall
20 be confined solely to the qualified members of the sponsoring
21 organization, provided a committee designated pursuant to
22 subdivision (8) of this section may promote or operate through its
23 members and any officially appointed volunteers. No such member or
24 officially appointed volunteer in the case of a raffle held pursuant to
25 subdivision (8) of this section may receive remuneration in any form
26 for time or effort devoted to the promotion or operation of the bazaar
27 or raffle. No person under the age of eighteen years may promote,
28 conduct, operate or work at a bazaar or raffle and no person under the
29 age of sixteen years may sell or promote the sale of any raffle tickets,
30 nor shall any sponsoring organization permit any person under the
31 age of eighteen to so promote, conduct or operate any bazaar or raffle
32 or any person under the age of sixteen to sell or promote the sale of
33 such tickets. Any sponsoring organization having received a permit
34 from any municipality may sell or promote the sale of such raffle
35 tickets in that municipality and in any other town, city or borough
36 which has adopted the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive.
37 Such organization may accept a credit card, debit card, check or cash
38 as payment for a raffle ticket. All funds derived from any bazaar or
39 raffle shall be used exclusively for the purpose stated in the application
40 of the sponsoring organization as provided in section 7-173.

41 Sec. 2. Section 52-553 of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

43 All wagers, and all contracts and securities [whereof] of which the
44 whole or any part of the consideration is money or other valuable
45 thing won, laid or bet, at any game, horse race, sport or pastime, and
46 all contracts to repay any money knowingly lent at the time and place
47 of such game, race, sport or pastime, to any person so gaming, betting
48 or wagering, or to repay any money lent to any person who, at such

49 time and place, so pays, bets or wagers, shall be void, provided
50 nothing [herein contained] in this section shall (1) affect the validity of
51 any negotiable instrument held by any person who acquired the same
52 for value and in good faith without notice of illegality in the
53 consideration, or (2) apply to the sale of a raffle ticket pursuant to
54 section 7-172, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

GL *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill permits individuals to purchase raffle tickets with a debit card, a credit card, check or cash. There is no fiscal impact to any state agency or municipality resulting from this change.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 880

AN ACT PROMOTING RAFFLE TICKET SALES**SUMMARY:**

This bill expressly permits people to pay for raffle tickets with a debit card, check, cash or credit card, and exempts the sale of raffle tickets from the law that voids wagering contracts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

BACKGROUND***Raffles***

Raffles may be sponsored and conducted only by (1) officially recognized veterans' organizations, (2) church or religious organizations, (3) civic or service clubs, (4) fraternal or fraternal benefit groups, (5) educational or charitable organizations, (6) officially recognized volunteer fire companies, (7) political parties or town committees, and (8) committees created to commemorate a municipality's centennial or other hundredth anniversary.

Except for municipal committees created to commemorate the founding of a municipality, any organization sponsoring a raffle must have operated as a nonprofit organization for at least six months before applying for a municipal raffle permit. An organization may sell tickets in the municipality that issued the permit, or in any other municipality that has adopted the state's bazaar and raffle law. The organization must use all funds raised through ticket sales for the purpose stated in the raffle application.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0

