



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 880

LCO No. 2914

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

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 Section 7-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the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>

Statement of Purpose:

To allow charitable and not-for-profit organizations to accept credit cards, debit cards, checks and cash as payment for raffle tickets.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]