



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5996

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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. STAPLES of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING THE CONDUCT OF A FROG-RACE RAFFLE IN THE TOWN OF WINDHAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-185a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (g) (1) Any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a
4 bazaar or raffle under the provisions of section 7-172 may operate a
5 frog-race raffle once each calendar year. Such raffles shall conform to
6 the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject
7 to regulation by the executive director of the Division of Special
8 Revenue. For the purpose of this subsection, "frog-race raffle" means a
9 raffle in which artificial frogs conforming to specifications approved
10 by the executive director and numbered consecutively to correspond
11 with the number of tickets sold for such raffle, are placed in a naturally
12 moving stream of water at a designated starting point and in which the
13 ticket corresponding to the number of the first frog to pass a

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is not anticipated to have any state or municipal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT ALLOWING THE CONDUCT OF A FROG-RACE RAFFLE
IN THE TOWN OF WINDHAM*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows organizations throughout the state qualified to conduct bazaars and raffles also to conduct frog-race raffles at least once each calendar year pursuant to the state's charitable gaming laws and subject to Division of Special Revenue (DSR) regulation.

It defines "frog race raffle" as one in which artificial frogs conforming to specifications approved by the DSR executive director and numbered consecutively to correspond with the number of tickets sold are placed in a naturally moving stream at a designated starting point. The winning ticket is the one that corresponds to the number of the first frog to pass the designated finishing point.

The bill requires the executive director, with the Gaming Policy Board's advice and consent, to adopt regulations establishing game procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Organizations Qualified to Conduct Raffles***

The law allows the following to conduct, operate, or sponsor bazaars or raffles if the town where they are located has adopted the Bazaar and Raffles Act: veterans,' religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and charitable organizations; volunteer fire companies; political parties; and town committees. Raffles may also be promoted and conducted if they are sponsored by the town acting through a designated centennial, bicentennial, or other centennial celebration committee. To conduct a bazaar or raffle, an organization must have a local permit.

Only the sponsoring organization's qualified members age 18 or older may promote and operate or work at bazaars and raffles. And people

under age 16 may not sell or promote raffle tickets (CGS § 7-172).

Organizations may award merchandise, tangible personal property, tickets (including lottery tickets), coupons, or gift certificates as prizes, but not alcohol. And they may not award cash or anything redeemable for cash except in limited cases.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 22 Nay 0

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 47 Nay 0