



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 121

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Senate Bill No. 156

Senate, April 4, 2005

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING SOCIAL CLUBS TO CONDUCT BAZAARS OR RAFFLES.

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 Section 7-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 from passage*):

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 or social club, (4) a
9 fraternal or fraternal benefit society, (5) an educational or charitable
10 organization, (6) an officially recognized volunteer fire company, (7) a
11 political party or town committee thereof, or (8) a municipality acting
12 through a committee designated to conduct a celebration of the
13 municipality's founding on its hundredth anniversary or any multiple
14 thereof. Any such sponsoring organization, except a committee

15 designated pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section, shall have been
 16 organized in good faith and actively functioning as a nonprofit
 17 organization within the municipality that is to issue the permit for a
 18 period of not less than six months prior to its application for a permit
 19 under the provisions of said sections. The promotion and operation of
 20 a bazaar or raffle shall be confined solely to the qualified members of
 21 the sponsoring organization, provided a committee designated
 22 pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section may promote or operate
 23 through its members and any officially appointed volunteers. No such
 24 member or officially appointed volunteer in the case of a raffle held
 25 pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section may receive remuneration in
 26 any form for time or effort devoted to the promotion or operation of
 27 the bazaar or raffle. No person under the age of eighteen years may
 28 promote, conduct, operate or work at a bazaar or raffle and no person
 29 under the age of sixteen years may sell or promote the sale of any raffle
 30 tickets, nor shall any sponsoring organization permit any person under
 31 the age of eighteen to so promote, conduct or operate any bazaar or
 32 raffle or any person under the age of sixteen to sell or promote the sale
 33 of 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.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-172

PS *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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - Net Impact	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Various Municipalities	Net Impact	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill is estimated to result in a minimal gain, of less than \$3,000, to the state general fund from additional fees collected from issuing charitable gaming permits. The bill is also anticipated to result in a minimal cost, of less than \$1,000, to the Division of Special Revenue associated with issuing additional charitable gaming permits. This additional cost is not anticipated to be large enough to necessitate any additional budgetary resources.

Municipal

The bill is estimated to result in a minimal gain, of less than \$3,000 total, to the municipalities from additional fees collected from issuing charitable gaming permits.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 156

AN ACT ALLOWING SOCIAL CLUBS TO CONDUCT BAZAARS OR RAFFLES**SUMMARY:**

This bill adds social clubs to the list of organizations that may conduct bazaars and raffles, pursuant to the charitable gaming laws and subject to Division of Special Revenue regulation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Organizations that May Conduct Bazaars and 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 Report
Yea 22 Nay 0