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**"AN ACT ALLOWING SOCIAL CLUBS TO CONDUCT BAZAARS
OR RAFFLES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 7-185a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
6 inclusive, and the regulations adopted [thereunder] under said
7 sections, any organized church, volunteer fire company or veterans
8 organization or association conducting a bazaar or raffle, (1) may have
9 the actual drawing of the raffle in a municipality other than the
10 municipality which grants the permit, provided the chief executive
11 officer of the other municipality has in writing approved such
12 drawing; (2) may conduct the bazaar in a municipality other than the
13 municipality which grants the permit, provided the municipality in
14 which the bazaar is to be conducted has adopted the provisions of
15 sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and the chief executive officer of such

16 municipality has in writing approved such bazaar; (3) may be
17 permitted to redeem prizes in cash; (4) shall be exempt from the
18 requirement of preserving unsold raffle tickets beyond ninety days
19 after the conclusion of the holding, operating and conducting of such
20 bazaar or raffle and shall be permitted to dispose of unclaimed prizes
21 after such ninety days; and (5) may file a reconciliation of expenditures
22 and receipts signed by an officer in lieu of an accountant.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
24 inclusive, and the regulations adopted [thereunder] under said
25 sections, any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or
26 raffle under the provisions of section 7-172 and recognized as a
27 nonprofit organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the
28 [federal] Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
29 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time
30 to time amended, may have the actual drawing of the raffle in a
31 municipality other than the municipality which grants the permit,
32 provided the chief executive officer of the other municipality has in
33 writing approved such drawing.

34 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-177, any
35 organization conducting a bazaar may operate "fifty-fifty" coupon
36 games each day of a permitted bazaar event and may award cash
37 prizes of fifty per cent of "fifty-fifty" coupon game sales for each
38 coupon drawing conducted. Not more than three scheduled drawings
39 may be held on any day on which a bazaar is permitted. A "fifty-fifty"
40 coupon game shall be operated from an authorized bazaar booth,
41 subject to the regulation of the executive director of the Division of
42 Special Revenue and shall allow for the sale of "fifty-fifty" coupons at a
43 predetermined uniform price. Each "fifty-fifty" coupon shall be
44 consecutively numbered and shall have a correspondingly numbered
45 stub. Each sponsoring organization shall provide different colored
46 coupons for each drawing and shall award one prize for each drawing
47 held. Each organization conducting such games shall conspicuously
48 post, at each bazaar booth at which such games are conducted, a notice
49 or notices which shall include the dates, times and places of any "fifty-

50 fifty" coupon drawings, as well as the prices and colors of coupons to
51 be sold for each drawing. The executive director shall prescribe the
52 form of such notice which shall contain the following statement:
53 "Holders of coupons must be present to claim a prize." Each such
54 organization shall account for each coupon printed and sold for each
55 drawing and shall announce the amount of sales and the prize to be
56 awarded immediately prior to each drawing. The sponsoring
57 organization shall preserve all sold and unsold coupons or stubs for a
58 period of at least one year from the date of the verified statement
59 required pursuant to section 7-182. At the conclusion of a bazaar, each
60 organization conducting such games, and its members who were in
61 charge thereof, shall furnish to the chief of police of the municipality or
62 to the first selectman, as the case may be, a verified statement,
63 prescribed by the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue,
64 in duplicate, showing (1) the total number of coupons purchased and
65 sold for each "fifty-fifty" coupon game drawing, and (2) the total
66 number and amount of prizes awarded and the names and addresses
67 of the persons to whom the prizes were awarded. Such report shall be
68 furnished during the next succeeding month. The chief of police or
69 first selectman, as the case may be, shall forward the original copy of
70 such report to the executive director, who shall keep it on file and
71 available for public inspection for a period of one year thereafter. Such
72 report shall be certified to under penalty of false statement by the three
73 persons designated in the permit application as being responsible for
74 the bazaar.

75 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-177, any sponsoring
76 organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or raffle under the
77 provisions of section 7-172 may operate a cow-chip raffle once a
78 calendar year and, pursuant to a "Class No. 1", "Class No. 2" or "Class
79 No. 4" permit, may award cash prizes in connection with participation
80 in such a raffle, in addition to those prizes authorized pursuant to
81 section 7-177. Such raffles shall conform to the provisions of sections 7-
82 170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject to regulation by the
83 executive director of the Division of Special Revenue. A cow-chip raffle

84 shall allow for the sale of consecutively numbered tickets with
85 correspondingly numbered stubs, entitling the holders of such tickets
86 to the temporary possession of a plot of land for purposes of the
87 conduct of the cow-chip raffle. Each organization intending to sponsor
88 or conduct a cow-chip raffle shall furnish with its application, required
89 pursuant to section 7-173, a cow-chip raffle plot plan displaying the
90 land area to be utilized for such raffle and the numbered plots, each
91 corresponding to a numbered cow-chip raffle ticket. Each such
92 organization conducting a cow-chip raffle shall provide for a suitable
93 land area on which the cow-chip raffle activity is to be conducted. The
94 area shall be sufficiently enclosed so as to confine any animal utilized
95 in the conduct of a cow-chip raffle during the period in which the
96 animal is so utilized. The area shall be adequately marked so as to
97 display the number of plots to be utilized, which shall correspond to
98 the number of cow-chip raffle tickets to be sold. The manner in which
99 winners in a cow-chip raffle are determined shall be clearly stated
100 prior to the commencement of a cow-chip raffle drawing and each
101 sponsoring organization shall conspicuously post an information
102 board, prescribed by the executive director of the Division of Special
103 Revenue, which shall display the consecutively numbered plots of the
104 cow-chip raffle event. A cow-chip raffle drawing shall commence at a
105 designated time and shall continue until all winners of authorized
106 prizes have been determined. No person may feed, lead or handle any
107 animal utilized in a cow-chip raffle once the animal has entered into
108 the enclosed area from which winners will be determined. Each
109 organization conducting a cow-chip raffle shall deposit all proceeds
110 from the conduct of such raffle in a special checking account
111 established and maintained by such organization which shall be
112 subject to audit by the Division of Special Revenue. Any expense
113 incidental to the conduct of such raffle shall be paid from the gross
114 receipts of cow-chip raffle tickets and only by checks drawn from such
115 checking account. All cash prizes awarded shall be paid from such
116 checking account.

117 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,

118 inclusive, and the regulations adopted [thereunder] under said
119 sections, any organization conducting a bazaar may operate a "teacup
120 raffle" and may award prizes consisting of merchandise not exceeding
121 one hundred dollars each in value through the sale of chances. No
122 such organization may conduct more than one scheduled "teacup
123 raffle" drawing for all prizes offered on any day on which a bazaar is
124 permitted. A "teacup raffle" shall be operated from an authorized
125 bazaar booth, and shall be subject to regulation by the executive
126 director of the Division of Special Revenue. Each "teacup raffle" ticket
127 shall be consecutively numbered and have a correspondingly
128 numbered stub which shall include the name, address and telephone
129 number of the purchaser. Each sponsoring organization conducting
130 such raffle shall conspicuously post, at each bazaar booth at which
131 such raffle is conducted, a notice or notices which shall include the
132 date and time of any "teacup raffle" drawing. The sponsoring
133 organization shall preserve all sold and unsold tickets or stubs for a
134 period of at least one year from the date of the verified statement
135 required pursuant to section 7-182.

136 (f) (1) Any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or
137 raffle under the provisions of section 7-172 may operate a duck-race
138 raffle once each calendar year. Such raffles shall conform to the
139 provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject to
140 regulation by the executive director. For the purpose of this subsection,
141 "duck-race raffle" means a raffle in which artificial ducks, numbered
142 consecutively to correspond with the number of tickets sold for such
143 raffle, are placed in a naturally moving stream of water at a designated
144 starting point and in which the ticket corresponding to the number of
145 the first duck to pass a designated finishing point is the winning ticket.
146 (2) The executive director of the Division of Special Revenue, with the
147 advice and consent of the Gaming Policy Board, shall adopt
148 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, that establish procedures
149 for the operation of duck-race raffles.

150 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
151 inclusive, and the regulations adopted under said sections, any

152 volunteer fire department may apply for and receive a permit to
153 operate "money-wheel" games at an annual fundraising event
154 sponsored by such department."