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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
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AN ACT PERMITTING "FIFTY-FIFTY" COUPON GAMES AT CERTAIN ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of subsection (c) of section 7-185a of the general statutes,
3 any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or raffle
4 pursuant to section 7-172 of the general statutes may apply for a "fifty-
5 fifty" special event permit to operate "fifty-fifty" coupon games at
6 organization functions and athletic events and may award cash prizes
7 of fifty per cent of the "fifty-fifty" coupon game sales for each coupon
8 drawing conducted pursuant to such permit. Such permit may be
9 obtained from the Division of Special Revenue by applying on a form
10 prescribed by the executive director accompanied by a fee of fifty
11 dollars, of which twenty-five dollars shall be retained by the state and
12 twenty-five dollars shall be remitted to the municipality. Such permit
13 shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year.

14 (b) Not more than three scheduled drawings may be held on any
15 day on which an organization function or athletic event is held. Each
16 "fifty-fifty" coupon game shall be subject to regulation by the executive

17 director of the Division of Special Revenue and shall allow for the sale
18 of "fifty-fifty" coupons at a predetermined uniform price. Each "fifty-
19 fifty" coupon shall be consecutively numbered and shall have a
20 correspondingly numbered stub. Each sponsoring organization shall
21 (1) provide different colored coupons for each drawing and shall
22 award one prize for each drawing held, and (2) conspicuously post, at
23 each organization function or athletic event at which such games are
24 conducted, a notice or notices which shall include the dates, times and
25 places of any "fifty-fifty" coupon drawings, as well as the prices and
26 colors of coupons to be sold for each drawing. The executive director
27 shall prescribe the form of such notice which shall contain the
28 following statement: "Holders of coupons must be present to claim a
29 prize." Each such organization shall account for each coupon printed
30 and sold for each drawing and shall announce the amount of sales and
31 the prize to be awarded immediately prior to each drawing. The
32 sponsoring organization shall preserve all sold and unsold coupons or
33 stubs for a period of at least one year from the date of the verified
34 statement required pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

35 (c) Any sponsoring organization that conducts a "fifty-fifty" coupon
36 game pursuant to this section, and any of such organization's members
37 who were in charge of such a game, shall furnish to the chief of police
38 of the municipality or to the first selectman, as the case may be, a
39 verified statement, prescribed by the executive director of the Division
40 of Special Revenue, in duplicate, showing (1) the total number of
41 coupons purchased and sold for each "fifty-fifty" coupon game
42 drawing, (2) the total number and amount of prizes awarded and the
43 names and addresses of the persons to whom the prizes were
44 awarded, and (3) any other information that the executive director
45 may reasonably require. Such report shall be certified, under penalty
46 of false statement, by the three persons designated in the permit
47 application pursuant to section 7-173 of the general statutes. Such
48 report shall be furnished during the next succeeding month following
49 each month that such a game was conducted. The chief of police or
50 first selectman, as the case may be, shall forward the original copy of

51 such report to the executive director, who shall keep it on file and
52 available for public inspection for a period of one year thereafter.

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

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