



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5340

House of Representatives, March 23, 2010

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PRIZES FOR TEACUP RAFFLES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 7-185a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2010*):

4 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
5 inclusive, as amended by this act, and the regulations adopted
6 [thereunder] pursuant to said sections, any organization conducting a
7 bazaar may operate a "teacup raffle" and may, through the sale of
8 chances, award prizes consisting of gift certificates or merchandise,
9 each not exceeding [one hundred] two hundred fifty dollars in value.
10 [through the sale of chances.] No such organization may conduct more
11 than one scheduled "teacup raffle" drawing for all prizes offered on
12 any day on which a bazaar is permitted. A "teacup raffle" shall be
13 operated from an authorized bazaar booth, and shall be subject to
14 regulation by the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue.

15 Each "teacup raffle" ticket shall (1) be consecutively numbered and
16 have a correspondingly numbered stub that shall include the name,
17 address and telephone number of the purchaser, or (2) be a sheet
18 containing up to twenty-five coupons, each bearing the same number,
19 and including a "hold" stub for the purchaser and a correspondingly
20 numbered stub including the name, address and telephone number of
21 the purchaser. The Division of Special Revenue shall be the sole issuer
22 of sheet tickets which shall be made available for purchase by
23 permittees as fund raising items at a price not to exceed ten per cent
24 above the state purchase price. Each sponsoring organization
25 conducting such raffle shall conspicuously post, at each bazaar booth
26 at which such raffle is conducted, a notice or notices that include the
27 date and time of any "teacup raffle" drawing. The sponsoring
28 organization shall preserve all sold and unsold tickets or stubs for a
29 period of at least one year from the date of the verified statement
30 required pursuant to section 7-182.

31 Sec. 2. Section 7-177 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
33 *October 1, 2010*):

34 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,
35 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate,
36 entitling the winner to merchandise, tangible personal property,
37 services, transportation on a common carrier by land, water or air and
38 to any tour facilities provided in connection therewith, or to
39 participation in a lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket,
40 coupon or gift certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No
41 cash prizes or prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall be given,
42 except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 7-177a,
43 and no prize shall be redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets
44 for a lottery conducted under chapter 226 or gift certificates awarded
45 in accordance with subsection (e) of section 7-185a, as amended by this
46 act. For the purposes of this section, coins whose trading value exceeds
47 their face value and coins not commonly in circulation shall not be
48 deemed a cash prize.

49 (b) Any sponsoring organization authorized to conduct a bazaar
50 pursuant to section 7-172 may award cash prizes not to exceed fifty
51 dollars each in connection with the playing of a blower ball game. For
52 purposes of this subsection "blower ball game" means a game of
53 chance where the players wager on a color or number and the winner
54 is determined by the drawing of a colored or numbered ball from a
55 mechanical ball blower that mixes ping pong balls with blown air.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	7-185a(e)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	7-177

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases the value and the types of prizes that may be awarded for teacup raffles which has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5340*****AN ACT CONCERNING PRIZES FOR TEACUP RAFFLES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill (1) increases, from \$100 to \$250, the value of each prize that qualified organizations conducting “teacup raffles” at bazaars may award and (2) allows the organizations to award gift certificates of the same value. Under prior law, organizations could only award merchandize as prizes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

BACKGROUND***Teacup Raffles***

The following organizations may conduct, operate, or sponsor bazaars, and “teacup raffles” at such bazaars, in a town that has adopted the Bazaar and Raffles Act: veterans, religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and charitable organizations; volunteer fire companies; political parties; and town committees, including centennial, bicentennial, or other centennial celebration committee.

An organization conducting “teacup raffles” must do so at an authorized bazaar booth that is subject to Division of Special Revenue regulation and may conduct only one scheduled drawing for all prizes offered on the day of the bazaar.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/09/2010)