



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5184

House of Representatives, March 30, 2011

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PERMITTING COUPON BOOKS' USE AS AN INCENTIVE FOR PURCHASING RAFFLE TICKETS.

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 Section 7-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 1, 2011*):

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, service or social club, (4) a fraternal
9 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 Any such sponsoring organization may promote its raffle by offering
 38 coupons to any person who purchases a raffle ticket. Such organization
 39 may accept a credit card, debit card, check or cash as payment for a
 40 raffle ticket. All funds derived from any bazaar or raffle shall be used
 41 exclusively for the purpose stated in the application of the sponsoring
 42 organization as provided in section 7-173.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	7-172

PS *Joint Favorable*

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, which allows coupons to be used by eligible organizations to promote raffles, would not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5184*****AN ACT PERMITTING COUPON BOOKS' USE AS AN INCENTIVE FOR PURCHASING RAFFLE TICKETS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a qualified organization conducting a raffle under the required town permit to promote the raffle by offering coupons to ticket buyers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

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 Raffle Act: veterans,' religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and charitable organizations; volunteer fire companies; and political parties and their town committees. Raffles may also be promoted and conducted if sponsored by towns acting through a designated centennial, bicentennial, or other centennial celebration committee. To conduct a bazaar or raffle, an organization must have a permit from the town where the raffle or bazaar will take place.

Only the organization's qualified members age 18 or older may promote, operate, or work at bazaars and raffles. And people under age 16 may not sell or promote raffle tickets.

Related Bills

SB 417 (File 43), reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, eliminates the \$250 prize limit on teacup raffles, thereby allowing prizes of unlimited value.

SB 35 (File 56), reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, eliminates the advertising restrictions on bazaars or raffles, thereby allowing qualified organizations conducting such gaming to advertise on radio, television, billboards, and elsewhere.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)