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Senate Bill No. 417

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LIMIT ON TEACUP RAFFLE PRIZES.

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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, 2011*):

4 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186,
5 inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant to said sections, any
6 organization conducting a bazaar may operate a "teacup raffle" and
7 may, through the sale of chances, award prizes consisting of gift
8 certificates or merchandise, [, each not exceeding two hundred fifty
9 dollars in value.] No such organization may conduct more than one
10 scheduled "teacup raffle" drawing for all prizes offered on any day on
11 which a bazaar is permitted. A "teacup raffle" shall be operated from
12 an authorized bazaar booth, and shall be subject to regulation by the
13 executive director of the Division of Special Revenue. Each "teacup
14 raffle" ticket shall (1) be consecutively numbered and have a
15 correspondingly numbered stub that shall include the name, address

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	7-185a(e)

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 eliminates the \$250 prize limit on teacup raffles, does not result in any fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Division of Special Revenue (DSR) is responsible for regulation of teacup raffles. DSR currently collects teacup raffle permit fees and sheet ticket revenue, which would not be impacted by the bill.¹

In FY 10, DSR collected approximately \$1,300 in sheet ticket revenue related to teacup raffles.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Sources: Division of Special Revenue General Fund Transfers Statement

¹ CGS Sec. 7-185a(e) allows DSR to sell sheet tickets at a price up to ten percent in excess of the state purchase price.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 417*****AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LIMIT ON TEACUP RAFFLE PRIZES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates the \$250 prize limit on teacup raffles, thereby allowing prizes of unlimited value.

By law, qualified organizations conducting bazaars may operate teacup raffles and award prizes consisting of gift certificates or merchandise.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND***Organizations Authorized to 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 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 local permit.

Only the sponsoring 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.

Teacup Raffles

An organization conducting teacup raffles must comply with Division of Special Revenue regulation. Among other things, it must conduct the raffle from an authorized booth and may conduct only one

drawing for all prizes offered on any day a bazaar is permitted.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (02/22/2011)