



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5487**

LCO No. 3140

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT PERMITTING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO MAIL  
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 Section 7-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 sponsoring organization may mail raffle tickets if such  
 38 organization prints, on each ticket, words indicating that no purchase  
 39 or payment is necessary. Such organization may accept a credit card,  
 40 debit card, check or cash as payment for a raffle ticket. All funds  
 41 derived from any bazaar or raffle shall be used exclusively for the  
 42 purpose stated in the application of the sponsoring organization as  
 43 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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit nonprofit organizations to mail raffle tickets to raise funds.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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