



Senate Bill No. 417

Public Act No. 11-226

**AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LIMIT ON TEACUP RAFFLE PRIZES
AND AUTHORIZING GOLF BALL DROP RAFFLES.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 7-185a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant to said sections, any organization conducting a bazaar may operate a "teacup raffle" and may, through the sale of chances, award prizes consisting of gift certificates or merchandise. [each not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars in value.] No such organization may conduct more than one scheduled "teacup raffle" drawing for all prizes offered on any day on which a bazaar is permitted. A "teacup raffle" shall be operated from an authorized bazaar booth, and shall be subject to regulation by the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue. Each "teacup raffle" ticket shall (1) be consecutively numbered and have a correspondingly numbered stub that shall include the name, address and telephone number of the purchaser, or (2) be a sheet containing up to twenty-five coupons, each bearing the same number, and including a "hold" stub for the purchaser and a correspondingly numbered stub

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including the name, address and telephone number of the purchaser. The Division of Special Revenue shall be the sole issuer of sheet tickets which shall be made available for purchase by permittees as fund raising items at a price not to exceed ten per cent above the state purchase price. Each sponsoring organization conducting such raffle shall conspicuously post, at each bazaar booth at which such raffle is conducted, a notice or notices that include the date and time of any "teacup raffle" drawing. The sponsoring organization shall preserve all sold and unsold tickets or stubs for a period of at least one year from the date of the verified statement required pursuant to section 7-182.

Sec. 2. Section 7-177a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(a) Any sponsoring organization with a "Class No. 1", "Class No. 2", or "Class No. 4" permit that is qualified to conduct a raffle under section 7-172 or 7-185a may conduct a frog-race, duck-race or traditional raffle and may award cash prizes to participants in such a raffle in addition to those prizes authorized under section 7-177. [Such raffle]

(b) Any sponsoring organization with a "Class No. 6" permit that is qualified to conduct a raffle under section 7-172 or 7-185a may conduct a golf ball drop raffle and may award cash prizes to participants in such a raffle in addition to those prizes authorized under section 7-177.

(c) Any raffle described in subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall conform to the requirements of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive. Each organization conducting a raffle described in this section shall deposit all proceeds from such raffle in a special checking account established and maintained by the organization which shall be subject to audit by the Division of Special Revenue. Any expense incidental to the conduct of such raffle shall be paid from the gross receipts of raffle tickets and only by checks drawn from such checking account. All cash prizes

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awarded shall be paid from such checking account.

Sec. 3. Section 7-185a of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(NEW) (h) (1) Any sponsoring organization qualified to conduct a bazaar or raffle under the provisions of section 7-172 may operate a golf ball drop raffle once each calendar year. Any such raffle shall conform to the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and shall be subject to regulation by the executive director. For the purpose of this subsection, "golf ball drop raffle" means a raffle in which golf balls, numbered consecutively to correspond with the number of tickets sold for such raffle, are dropped from a helicopter, hot air balloon or other aircraft hovering above a designated target, and in which the ticket corresponding to the number of the first golf ball to be closest to the center of the designated target is the winning ticket. (2) The executive director of the Division of Special Revenue, with the advice and consent of the Gaming Policy Board, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, establishing procedures for the operation of golf ball drop raffles.

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