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To: House Bill No. 5184

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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 7-170 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

5 Wherever used in sections 7-171 to 7-186, inclusive, unless otherwise  
6 provided, "bazaar" means a place maintained by a sponsoring  
7 organization for the disposal of merchandise awards by means of  
8 chance; "raffle" means an arrangement for raising money by the sale of  
9 tickets, certain among which, as determined by chance after the sale,  
10 entitle the holders to prizes; [and] "applicant" means the sponsoring  
11 organization; and "coupon" means a ticket, form or document which  
12 the holder may redeem in exchange for merchandise, tangible personal

13 property, services or transportation on a common carrier, or a discount  
14 in the purchase price of merchandise, tangible personal property,  
15 services or transportation on a common carrier.

16 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 7-179 of the general statutes is  
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
18 *October 1, 2011*):

19 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a nonprofit  
20 organization issued a permit under the provisions of sections 7-170 to  
21 7-186, inclusive, may advertise a bazaar or raffle to be conducted in  
22 accordance with such permit by (1) posting an advertisement on such  
23 organization's Internet web site, (2) sending an advertisement using  
24 electronic mail, [or] (3) posting one or more lawn signs on private  
25 property, each no larger than eighteen by twenty-four inches, provided  
26 (A) the organization has obtained the property owner's consent for  
27 such posting, and (B) such posting complies with any applicable local  
28 ordinance or planning or zoning regulation, or (4) mailing coupons for  
29 raffle tickets. For the purposes of this subsection, "nonprofit  
30 organization" means any of the entities specified in subdivisions (1) to  
31 (6), inclusive, of section 7-172 and "coupon" means a ticket, form or  
32 document which the holder may redeem in exchange for a discount in  
33 the purchase price of raffle tickets.

34 Sec. 503. Section 7-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

36 No bazaar or raffle may be promoted, operated or conducted in any  
37 municipality after the adoption of the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-  
38 186, inclusive, unless it is sponsored and conducted exclusively by (1)  
39 an officially recognized organization or association of veterans of any  
40 war in which the United States has been engaged, (2) a church or  
41 religious organization, (3) a civic, service or social club, (4) a fraternal  
42 or fraternal benefit society, (5) an educational or charitable  
43 organization, (6) an officially recognized volunteer fire company, (7) a  
44 political party or town committee thereof, or (8) a municipality acting

45 through a committee designated to conduct a celebration of the  
46 municipality's founding on its hundredth anniversary or any multiple  
47 thereof. Any such sponsoring organization, except a committee  
48 designated pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section, shall have been  
49 organized in good faith and actively functioning as a nonprofit  
50 organization within the municipality that is to issue the permit for a  
51 period of not less than six months prior to its application for a permit  
52 under the provisions of said sections. The promotion and operation of  
53 a bazaar or raffle shall be confined solely to the qualified members of  
54 the sponsoring organization, provided a committee designated  
55 pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section may promote or operate  
56 through its members and any officially appointed volunteers. No such  
57 member or officially appointed volunteer in the case of a raffle held  
58 pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section may receive remuneration in  
59 any form for time or effort devoted to the promotion or operation of  
60 the bazaar or raffle. No person under the age of eighteen years may  
61 promote, conduct, operate or work at a bazaar or raffle and no person  
62 under the age of sixteen years may sell or promote the sale of any raffle  
63 tickets, nor shall any sponsoring organization permit any person under  
64 the age of eighteen to so promote, conduct or operate any bazaar or  
65 raffle or any person under the age of sixteen to sell or promote the sale  
66 of such tickets. Any sponsoring organization having received a permit  
67 from any municipality may (A) sell or promote the sale of such raffle  
68 tickets in that municipality and in any other town, city or borough  
69 which has adopted the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive,  
70 as amended by this act, or (B) mail such raffle tickets to any resident of  
71 that municipality or of any other town, city or borough which has  
72 adopted the provisions of sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, as  
73 amended by this act, provided any such mailed raffle ticket is printed  
74 with the words "no purchase necessary to enter the raffle". Such  
75 organization may accept a credit card, debit card, check or cash as  
76 payment for a raffle ticket. All funds derived from any bazaar or raffle  
77 shall be used exclusively for the purpose stated in the application of  
78 the sponsoring organization as provided in section 7-173."