



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5377**

LCO No. 1603

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANIMALS, REPTILES OR BIRDS  
AS PRIZES AT BAZAARS OR CARNIVALS OR AS RAFFLE PRIZES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-177 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,  
5 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate,  
6 entitling the winner to merchandise, tangible personal property,  
7 services, transportation on a common carrier by land, water or air and  
8 to any tour facilities provided in connection therewith, or to  
9 participation in a lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket,  
10 coupon or gift certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No  
11 cash prizes or prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor, animals, reptiles or  
12 birds shall be given, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section  
13 and section 7-177a, and no prize shall be redeemed or redeemable for  
14 cash, except tickets for a lottery conducted under chapter 226 or gift  
15 certificates awarded in accordance with subsection (e) of section 7-  
16 185a. For the purposes of this section, coins whose trading value

17 exceeds their face value and coins not commonly in circulation shall  
18 not be deemed a cash prize.

19 Sec. 2. Section 53-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

21 (a) Any person who (1) uses any animal, reptile or bird for the  
22 purpose of soliciting any alms, collection, contribution, subscription,  
23 donation or payment of money, or (2) uses any animal, reptile or bird  
24 as a prize or award in the operation of any game or device or in any  
25 drawing, raffle or contest at a place of amusement, as defined in  
26 section 29-133, or (3) exhibits any wild animal in connection with any  
27 business for the purpose of attracting trade upon any street, highway  
28 or public park or at any fair, exhibition or place of amusement,  
29 recreation or entertainment, or (4) owns, keeps or has in his custody  
30 any animal, reptile or bird for any such purpose, shall be fined not  
31 more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty  
32 days or both. [, but no]

33 (b) No provision of this section shall be construed so as to apply to  
34 the exhibition of any animal, reptile or bird by any educational  
35 institution or in a zoological garden or in connection with any  
36 theatrical exhibition or circus or to the use of any animal in a cow-chip  
37 raffle.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	7-177(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	53-250

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit animals, reptiles and birds being awarded as raffle prizes or at bazaars and carnivals.

*[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.]*