



General Assembly

Amendment

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"AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS GAMING STATUTES."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 53-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

5 Any person who uses any animal, including a fish, reptile or bird, for
6 the purpose of soliciting any alms, collection, contribution, subscription,
7 donation or payment of money, or uses any animal, including a fish,
8 reptile or bird, as a prize or award in the operation of any game or
9 device, or exhibits any wild animal in connection with any business for
10 the purpose of attracting trade upon any street, highway or public park
11 or at any fair, exhibition or place of amusement, recreation or
12 entertainment, or owns, keeps or has in his custody any animal,
13 including a fish, reptile or bird, for any such purpose, shall be guilty of
14 a class D misdemeanor, but no provision of this section shall be
15 construed so as to apply (1) to the exhibition of any animal, including a
16 fish, reptile or bird, (A) by any educational institution or in a zoological

17 garden, or (B) in connection with any theatrical exhibition or circus, or
18 (2) to the use of any animal in a cow-chip raffle.

19 Sec. 502. Section 7-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

21 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,
22 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate, entitling
23 the winner to merchandise, tangible personal property, services,
24 transportation on a common carrier by land, water or air and to any tour
25 facilities provided in connection therewith, or to participation in a
26 lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket, coupon or gift
27 certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No cash prizes or
28 prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall be given, except as provided
29 in subsection (b) of this section and section 7-177a, and no prize shall be
30 redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets for a lottery conducted
31 under chapter 226 or gift certificates awarded in accordance with
32 subsection (e) of section 7-185a. No animal shall be given as a prize. For
33 the purposes of this section, coins whose trading value exceeds their face
34 value and coins not commonly in circulation shall not be deemed a cash
35 prize.

36 (b) Any sponsoring organization authorized to conduct a bazaar
37 pursuant to section 7-172 may award cash prizes not to exceed fifty
38 dollars each in connection with the playing of a blower ball game. For
39 purposes of this subsection "blower ball game" means a game of chance
40 where the players wager on a color or number and the winner is
41 determined by the drawing of a colored or numbered ball from a
42 mechanical ball blower that mixes ping pong balls with blown air."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	53-250
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	7-177