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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 15/2

from Ch. 85, par. 2302

230 ILCS 15/10 new

Amends the Raffles and Poker Runs Act. Authorizes fire protection agencies and statewide associations that represent fire protection agencies to organize raffles. Provides that raffles organized by a fire protection agency or statewide association that represents fire protection agencies must only be licensed by the governing body of the county or municipality in which the key location for that raffle is located, even if raffle tickets are sold beyond the borders of that governing body of the county or municipality. Provides that raffles organized by a fire protection agency or a statewide association that represents fire protection agencies must abide by any restrictions established by the governing body of the county or municipality in which the key location is located.

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1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Raffles and Poker Runs Act is amended by
5 changing Section 2 and by adding Section 10 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 15/2) (from Ch. 85, par. 2302)

7 Sec. 2. Licensing.

8 (a) The governing body of any county or municipality within
9 this State may establish a system for the licensing of
10 organizations to operate raffles. The governing bodies of a
11 county and one or more municipalities may, pursuant to a
12 written contract, jointly establish a system for the licensing
13 of organizations to operate raffles within any area of
14 contiguous territory not contained within the corporate limits
15 of a municipality which is not a party to such contract. The
16 governing bodies of two or more adjacent counties or two or
17 more adjacent municipalities located within a county may,
18 pursuant to a written contract, jointly establish a system for
19 the licensing of organizations to operate raffles within the
20 corporate limits of such counties or municipalities. The
21 licensing authority may establish special categories of
22 licenses and promulgate rules relating to the various
23 categories. The licensing system shall provide for limitations

1 upon (1) the aggregate retail value of all prizes or
2 merchandise awarded by a licensee in a single raffle, if any,
3 (2) the maximum retail value of each prize awarded by a
4 licensee in a single raffle, if any, (3) the maximum price
5 which may be charged for each raffle chance issued or sold, if
6 any, and (4) the maximum number of days during which chances
7 may be issued or sold, if any. The licensing system may include
8 a fee for each license in an amount to be determined by the
9 local governing body. Licenses issued pursuant to this Act
10 shall be valid for one raffle or for a specified number of
11 raffles to be conducted during a specified period not to exceed
12 one year and may be suspended or revoked for any violation of
13 this Act. A local governing body shall act on a license
14 application within 30 days from the date of application. A
15 county or municipality may adopt rules or ordinances for the
16 operation of raffles that are consistent with this Act. Except
17 for raffles organized by fire protection agencies and statewide
18 associations that represent fire protection agencies as
19 provided in Section 10, raffles ~~Raffles~~ shall be licensed by
20 the governing body of the municipality with jurisdiction over
21 the key location or, if no municipality has jurisdiction over
22 the key location, then by the governing body of the county with
23 jurisdiction over the key location. A license shall authorize
24 the holder of such license to sell raffle chances throughout
25 the State, including beyond the borders of the licensing
26 municipality or county.

1 (a-5) The governing body of Cook County may and any other
2 county within this State shall establish a system for the
3 licensing of organizations to operate poker runs. The governing
4 bodies of 2 or more adjacent counties may, pursuant to a
5 written contract, jointly establish a system for the licensing
6 of organizations to operate poker runs within the corporate
7 limits of such counties. The licensing authority may establish
8 special categories of licenses and adopt rules relating to the
9 various categories. The licensing system may include a fee not
10 to exceed \$25 for each license. Licenses issued pursuant to
11 this Act shall be valid for one poker run or for a specified
12 number of poker runs to be conducted during a specified period
13 not to exceed one year and may be suspended or revoked for any
14 violation of this Act. A local governing body shall act on a
15 license application within 30 days after the date of
16 application.

17 (b) Raffle licenses shall be issued only to bona fide
18 religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal,
19 educational, veterans', or other bona fide not-for-profit
20 organizations that operate without profit to their members and
21 which have been in existence continuously for a period of 5
22 years immediately before making application for a raffle
23 license and which have during that entire 5-year period been
24 engaged in carrying out their objects, or to a non-profit
25 fundraising organization that the licensing authority
26 determines is organized for the sole purpose of providing

1 financial assistance to an identified individual or group of
2 individuals suffering extreme financial hardship as the result
3 of an illness, disability, accident, or disaster, or to any law
4 enforcement agencies and associations that represent law
5 enforcement officials, or to fire protection agencies and
6 statewide associations that represent fire protection agencies
7 as provided for in Section 10. Poker run licenses shall be
8 issued only to bona fide religious, charitable, labor,
9 business, fraternal, educational, veterans', or other bona
10 fide not-for-profit organizations that operate without profit
11 to their members and which have been in existence continuously
12 for a period of 5 years immediately before making application
13 for a poker run license and which have during that entire
14 5-year period been engaged in carrying out their objects.
15 Licenses for poker runs shall be issued for the following
16 purposes: (i) providing financial assistance to an identified
17 individual or group of individuals suffering extreme financial
18 hardship as the result of an illness, disability, accident, or
19 disaster or (ii) to maintain the financial stability of the
20 organization. A licensing authority may waive the 5-year
21 requirement under this subsection (b) for a bona fide
22 religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal,
23 educational, or veterans' organization that applies for a
24 license to conduct a raffle or a poker run if the organization
25 is a local organization that is affiliated with and chartered
26 by a national or State organization that meets the 5-year

1 requirement.

2 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions apply.

3 Non-profit: An organization or institution organized and
4 conducted on a not-for-profit basis with no personal profit
5 inuring to any one as a result of the operation. Charitable: An
6 organization or institution organized and operated to benefit
7 an indefinite number of the public. The service rendered to
8 those eligible for benefits must also confer some benefit on
9 the public. Educational: An organization or institution
10 organized and operated to provide systematic instruction in
11 useful branches of learning by methods common to schools and
12 institutions of learning which compare favorably in their scope
13 and intensity with the course of study presented in
14 tax-supported schools. Religious: Any church, congregation,
15 society, or organization founded for the purpose of religious
16 worship. Fraternal: An organization of persons having a common
17 interest, the primary interest of which is to both promote the
18 welfare of its members and to provide assistance to the general
19 public in such a way as to lessen the burdens of government by
20 caring for those that otherwise would be cared for by the
21 government. Veterans: An organization or association comprised
22 of members of which substantially all are individuals who are
23 veterans or spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, the
24 primary purpose of which is to promote the welfare of its
25 members and to provide assistance to the general public in such
26 a way as to confer a public benefit. Labor: An organization

1 composed of workers organized with the objective of betterment
2 of the conditions of those engaged in such pursuit and the
3 development of a higher degree of efficiency in their
4 respective occupations. Business: A voluntary organization
5 composed of individuals and businesses who have joined together
6 to advance the commercial, financial, industrial and civic
7 interests of a community.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 101-109, eff. 7-19-19;
9 101-360, eff. 1-1-20; revised 9-9-19.)

10 (230 ILCS 15/10 new)

11 Sec. 10. Raffles by fire protection agencies and statewide
12 associations that represent fire protection agencies.

13 (a) As used in this Section:

14 "Fire protection agency" means an agency of this State,
15 unit of local government, or intergovernmental mutual aid
16 entity that is vested by law or intergovernmental agreement
17 with the duty and authority to provide public fire suppression,
18 rescue, or emergency medical services. "Fire protection
19 agency" also means any organization that provides support or
20 assistance to an agency of this State, unit of local
21 government, or intergovernmental mutual aid entity that is
22 vested by law or intergovernmental agreement with the duty and
23 authority to provide public fire suppression, rescue, or
24 emergency medical services.

25 "Key location" means the location where the raffle

1 organized by a fire protection agency is conducted and the
2 prize or prizes are awarded.

3 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, fire
4 protection agencies and statewide associations that represent
5 fire protection agencies may organize raffles under this Act.
6 Raffles organized by a fire protection agency or statewide
7 association that represents fire protection agencies must only
8 be licensed by the governing body of the county or municipality
9 in which the key location for that raffle is located, even if
10 raffle tickets are sold beyond the borders of that governing
11 body of the county or municipality. Raffles organized by a fire
12 protection agency or a statewide association that represents
13 fire protection agencies must abide by any restrictions
14 established pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 2 by the
15 governing body of the county or municipality in which the key
16 location is located.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.