

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 Charitable Games Act is amended by changing
5 Section 2 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 30/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 1122)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. For purposes of this Act, the
8 following definitions apply:

9 "Charitable games" means the 14 games of chance involving
10 cards, dice, wheels, random selection of numbers, and gambling
11 tickets which may be conducted at charitable games events
12 listed as follows: roulette, blackjack, poker, pull tabs,
13 craps, bang, beat the dealer, big six, gin rummy, five card
14 stud poker, chuck-a-luck, keno, hold-em poker, and merchandise
15 wheel.

16 "Charitable games event" or "event" means the type of
17 fundraising event authorized by the Act at which participants
18 pay to play charitable games for the chance of winning cash or
19 noncash prizes. "Charitable games event" or "event" includes a
20 poker run.

21 "Charitable organization" means an organization or
22 institution organized and operated to benefit an indefinite
23 number of the public.

1 "Chips" means scrip, play money, poker or casino chips, or
2 any other representations of money, used to make wagers on the
3 outcome of any charitable game.

4 "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

5 "Educational organization" means an organization or
6 institution organized and operated to provide systematic
7 instruction in useful branches of learning by methods common to
8 schools and institutions of learning which compare favorably in
9 their scope and intensity with the course of study presented in
10 tax-supported schools.

11 "Fraternal organization" means an organization of persons
12 having a common interest that is organized and operated
13 exclusively to promote the welfare of its members and to
14 benefit the general public on a continuing and consistent
15 basis, including but not limited to ethnic organizations.

16 "Labor organization" means an organization composed of
17 labor unions or workers organized with the objective of
18 betterment of the conditions of those engaged in such pursuit
19 and the development of a higher degree of efficiency in their
20 respective occupations.

21 "Licensed organization" means a qualified organization
22 that has obtained a license to conduct a charitable games event
23 in conformance with the provisions of this Act.

24 "Non-profit organization" means an organization or
25 institution organized and conducted on a not-for-profit basis
26 with no personal profit inuring to anyone as a result of the

1 operation.

2 "Organization": A corporation, agency, partnership,
3 association, firm, business, or other entity consisting of 2 or
4 more persons joined by a common interest or purpose.

5 "Person" means any natural individual, corporation,
6 partnership, limited liability company, organization as
7 defined in this Section, qualified organization, licensed
8 organization, licensee under this Act, or volunteer.

9 "Poker run" means an event organized by a sponsoring
10 organization in which participants travel to 5 or more
11 predetermined locations, drawing a playing card or equivalent
12 item at each location, in order to assemble a facsimile of a
13 poker hand or other numeric score. "Poker run" includes dice
14 runs, marble runs, or other events where the objective is to
15 build the best hand or highest score by obtaining an item at
16 each location.

17 "Premises" means a distinct parcel of land and the
18 buildings thereon.

19 "Provider" means the person or organization owning,
20 leasing, or controlling premises upon which any charitable
21 games event is to be conducted.

22 "Qualified organization" means:

23 (a) a charitable, religious, fraternal, veterans,
24 labor, ~~or~~ educational organization, or other institution
25 organized and conducted on a not-for-profit basis with no
26 personal profit inuring to anyone as a result of the

1 operation and which is exempt from federal income taxation
2 under Sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), 501(c)(8),
3 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code;

4 (b) a veterans organization as defined in Section 1.1
5 of the "Bingo License and Tax Act" organized and conducted
6 on a not-for-profit basis with no personal profit inuring
7 to anyone as a result of the operation; or

8 (c) An auxiliary organization of a veterans
9 organization.

10 "Religious organization" means any church, congregation,
11 society, or organization founded for the purpose of religious
12 worship.

13 "Sponsoring organization" means a qualified organization
14 that has obtained a license to conduct a charitable games event
15 in conformance with the provisions of this Act.

16 "Supplier" means any person, firm, or corporation that
17 sells, leases, lends, distributes, or otherwise provides to any
18 organization licensed to conduct charitable games events in
19 Illinois any charitable games equipment.

20 "Veterans' organization" means an organization comprised
21 of members of which substantially all are individuals who are
22 veterans or spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, the
23 primary purpose of which is to promote the welfare of its
24 members and to provide assistance to the general public in such
25 a way as to confer a public benefit.

26 "Volunteer" means a person recruited by a licensed

1 organization who voluntarily performs services at a charitable
2 games event, including participation in the management or
3 operation of a game, as defined in Section 8.

4 (Source: P.A. 94-986, eff. 6-30-06; 95-228, eff. 8-16-07.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.