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Assembly, No. 1883

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16 fire companies, and officially recognized volunteer first aid or
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18 games of chance commonly known as a raffle or raffles played by
19 drawing for prizes or the allotment of prizes by chance, by the
20 selling of shares or tickets or rights to participate in such game or
21 games and by conducting the game or games accordingly, when the
22 entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to
23 educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses,
24 and in the case of organizations or associations of veterans, and
25 senior citizen associations and clubs to the support of these
26 organizations, and for any such organization or association, church,
27 congregation, society, club, company or squad, when so licensed or
28 without any license when and as hereinafter prescribed, to hold,
29 operate and conduct such game of chance pursuant to this act and
30 such license, in such municipality and to sell shares or tickets or
31 rights to participate in such game or games of chance therein and in
32 any other municipality which shall have adopted this act and under
33 such conditions and regulations for the supervision and conduct
34 thereof as shall be prescribed by rules and regulations duly adopted
35 from time to time by the Legalized Games of Chance Control
36 Commission, hereinafter designated as the control commission, not
37 inconsistent with the provisions of this act, but only when the entire
38 net proceeds thereof are devoted to the uses aforesaid and for any
39 person or persons to participate in and play such games of chance
40 conducted under any such license.

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8 similar games approved by the commission, when the chips or
9 script are redeemable for merchandise or raffle tickets only, and not
10 for cash.

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13 value of prizes which may be offered, the qualifications of the
14 individuals conducting the games and other requirements which the
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19 higher amount as established by regulation of the control
20 commission, for which no extra charge is made at an assemblage
21 **【at which no other game of chance is held, operated or conducted】**,
22 if the proceeds of such assemblage are devoted to the uses described
23 in this section.

24 (cf: P.L.2013, c.85, s.2)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 value from \$50 to \$200 or higher if permitted.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI
District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)
Assemblyman SCOTT T. RUMANA
District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)
Assemblyman RALPH R. CAPUTO
District 28 (Essex)
Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman McHose, Assemblymen Diegnan and Wimberly

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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13 religious congregations and religious organizations, charitable,
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16 fire companies, and officially recognized volunteer first aid or
17 rescue squads, to hold and operate the specific kind of game or
18 games of chance commonly known as a raffle or raffles played by
19 drawing for prizes or the allotment of prizes by chance, by the
20 selling of shares or tickets or rights to participate in such game or
21 games and by conducting the game or games accordingly, when the
22 entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to
23 educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses,
24 and in the case of senior citizen associations and clubs to the
25 support of these organizations, and for any such organization or
26 association, church, congregation, society, club, company or squad,
27 when so licensed or without any license when and as hereinafter
28 prescribed, to hold, operate and conduct such game of chance
29 pursuant to this act and such license, in such municipality and to
30 sell shares or tickets or rights to participate in such game or games
31 of chance therein and in any other municipality which shall have
32 adopted this act and under such conditions and regulations for the
33 supervision and conduct thereof as shall be prescribed by rules and
34 regulations duly adopted from time to time by the Legalized Games
35 of Chance Control Commission, hereinafter designated as the
36 control commission, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act,
37 but only when the entire net proceeds thereof are devoted to the
38 uses aforesaid and for any person or persons to participate in and
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19 in this section.

20 (cf: P.L.1999, c.17, s.2)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 seq., to permit an authorized organization to conduct, without a
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34 chance is conducted at an assemblage.

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37 than \$50.00. The purpose of this amendment is to allow an
38 authorized organization to offer donated or purchased merchandise
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40 part the inflationary increase that has occurred since the original
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Assemblywoman Riley, Senators A.R.Bucco and Pou

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee with technical review.



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24 and in the case of organizations or associations of veterans, and
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26 organizations, and for any such organization or association, church,
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22 (cf: P.L.2013, c.85, s.2)

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY TOURISM AND GAMING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 8, 2014

The Assembly Tourism and Gaming Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1883.

This bill amends the Raffles Licensing Law, N.J.S.A.5:8-1 et seq., to permit an authorized organization to conduct, without a license, a raffle for a door prize of merchandise, whether donated or purchased, of a total retail value of \$200.00 or less. The legislation authorizes the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission to set the total retail value at higher than \$200 for door prizes. In addition, such raffles would be permitted even if another game of chance is conducted at an assemblage.

Currently, an authorized organization may only offer, without a license, donated merchandise as a door prize with a value of less than \$50.00. The purpose of this amendment is to allow an authorized organization to offer donated or purchased merchandise as a door prize, and to increase the value of a door prize to reflect in part the inflationary increase that has occurred since the original \$50.00 value was established in 1955.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2014-2015 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 1883
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 29, 2014

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Revises exemption from license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise; increases total retail value from \$50 to \$200 or higher if permitted.
- Type of Impact:** Decrease in State and local licensing fee revenue related to raffles for door prizes.
- Agencies Affected:** Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; local governments.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>
State and Local Revenue	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- This bill would revise the exemption from the license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise by increasing the total retail value from \$50 to \$200, or higher if permitted.
- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) is not able to estimate the decrease in raffle licensing fees that would be experienced by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission or a municipality from an increase in the licensing threshold for door prizes from \$50 to \$200 because no information was provided regarding the number and value of door prizes over the past few years from which an estimate could be derived.
- The OLS notes that the Department of Law and Public Safety informally estimates that changing the licensing threshold from \$50 to \$200 would have no fiscal impact. To the extent that the department estimates that changing the threshold would have no fiscal impact would indicate that there are no or very few raffles for door prizes with a value of less than \$200.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1883 of 2014 amends the Raffles Licensing Law, N.J.S.A.5:8-51 et seq., to permit an authorized organization to conduct, without a license, a raffle for a door prize of merchandise, whether donated or purchased, of a total retail value of \$200.00 or less. The legislation authorizes the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission to set the total retail value for door prizes at higher than \$200. In addition, such raffles would be permitted even if another game of chance is conducted at an assemblage.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS is not able to estimate the decrease in raffle licensing fees that would be experienced by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission or a municipality from an increase in the licensing threshold for door prizes from \$50 to \$200 because no information was provided regarding the number and value of door prizes over the past few years from which an estimate could be derived. To the extent that the value of the door prizes that require licensing fees is increased, it can be assumed that any door prizes between \$50 and \$199 will no longer require a license and licensing fees would be reduced by the number of door prizes whose values are between \$50 and \$199. The OLS notes that the Department of Law and Public Safety informally estimates that changing the licensing threshold from \$50 to \$200 would have no fiscal impact. To the extent that the department estimates that changing the threshold would have no fiscal impact would indicate that there are no or very few raffles for door prizes with a value of less than \$200. However, this was not confirmed.

Section: State Government
Analyst: Kimberly McCord Clemmensen
Senior Fiscal Analyst
Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 2014

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1883

This bill amends the Raffles Licensing Law, N.J.S.A.5:8-1 et seq., to permit an authorized organization to conduct, without a license, a raffle for a door prize of merchandise, whether donated or purchased, of a total retail value of \$200.00 or less. The legislation authorizes the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission to set the total retail value at higher than \$200 for door prizes. In addition, such raffles would be permitted even if another game of chance is conducted at an assemblage.

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As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1883 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1941 which was also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2015

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably, Assembly Bill No. 1883.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) cannot estimate the decrease in raffle licensing fees that would be experienced by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission or a municipality from an increase in the raffle licensing threshold for door prizes from \$50 to \$200 as there is no information regarding the number and value of door prizes over the past few years from which an estimate could be derived.

The OLS notes that the Department of Law and Public Safety informally estimates that changing the licensing threshold from \$50 to \$200 would have no fiscal impact. This may indicate that currently there are no or very few raffles for door prizes with a value of less than \$200.

SENATE, No. 1941

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 28, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator BRIAN P. STACK

District 33 (Hudson)

Senator STEVEN V. OROHO

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators A.R.Bucco and Pou

SYNOPSIS

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 22, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Revises exemption from license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise; increases total retail value from \$50 to \$200 or higher if permitted.
- Type of Impact:** Decrease in State and local licensing fee revenue related to raffles for door prizes.
- Agencies Affected:** Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; local governments.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>
State and Local Revenue	Unknown - See comments below		

- This bill would revise the exemption from the license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise by increasing the total retail value from \$50 to \$200, or higher if permitted.
- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) is not able to estimate the decrease in raffle licensing fees that would be experienced by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission or a municipality from an increase in the licensing threshold for door prizes from \$50 to \$200 because no information was provided regarding the number and value of door prizes over the past few years from which an estimate could be derived.
- The OLS notes that the Department of Law and Public Safety informally estimates that changing the licensing threshold from \$50 to \$200 would have no fiscal impact. To the extent that the department estimates that changing the threshold would have no fiscal impact would indicate that there are no or very few raffles for door prizes with a value of less than \$200.



BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 1941 of 2014 amends the Raffles Licensing Law, N.J.S.A.5:8-51 et seq., to permit an authorized organization to conduct, without a license, a raffle for a door prize of merchandise, whether donated or purchased, of a total retail value of \$200.00 or less. The legislation authorizes the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission to set the total retail value for door prizes at higher than \$200. In addition, such raffles would be permitted even if another game of chance is conducted at an assemblage.

Currently, an authorized organization may only offer, without a license, donated merchandise as a door prize with a value of less than \$50.00.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS is not able to estimate the decrease in raffle licensing fees that would be experienced by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission or a municipality from an increase in the licensing threshold for door prizes from \$50 to \$200 because no information was available regarding the number and value of door prizes over the past few years from which an estimate could be derived. To the extent that the value of the door prizes that require licensing fees is increased, it can be assumed that any door prizes between \$50 and \$199 will no longer require a license and licensing fees would be reduced by the number of door prizes whose values are between \$50 and \$199. The OLS notes that the Department of Law and Public Safety informally estimates that changing the licensing threshold from \$50 to \$200 would have no fiscal impact. To the extent that the department estimates that changing the threshold would have no fiscal impact would indicate that there are no or very few raffles for door prizes with a value of less than \$200. However, this was not confirmed.

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1941

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2015

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably, Senate Bill No. 1941.

This bill amends the Raffles Licensing Law, N.J.S.A.5:8-1 et seq., to permit an authorized organization to conduct, without a license, a raffle for a door prize of merchandise, whether donated or purchased, of a total retail value of \$200.00 or less. The bill extends to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission authority to set the total retail value at higher than \$200 for door prizes. In addition, such raffles would be permitted even if another game of chance is conducted at an assemblage.

Currently, an authorized organization may only offer, without a license, donated merchandise as a door prize with a value of less than \$50.00. The bill increases the door prize value to reflect in part the inflationary increase that has occurred since the original \$50.00 value was established in 1955.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1883, as reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) cannot estimate the decrease in raffle licensing fees that would be experienced by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission or a municipality from an increase in the raffle licensing threshold for door prizes from \$50 to \$200 as there is no information regarding the number and value of door prizes over the past few years from which an estimate could be derived.

The OLS notes that the Department of Law and Public Safety informally estimates that changing the licensing threshold from \$50 to \$200 would have no fiscal impact. This may indicate that currently there are no or very few raffles for door prizes with a value of less than \$200.

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Trenton, NJ - Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today signed Assembly Bills Nos 1883 (A-1883) and 3509 (A-3509), two bipartisan, unanimously passed bills that will reduce red tape for non-profits that fundraise certain games of chance and in the oversight of the State Museum

"One of the best ways to help our state thrive is to reduce red tape that imposes confusion and unnecessary burdens on our residents, businesses, and non-profits," said Acting Governor Guadagno "Since taking office, cutting that red tape has been one of my top priorities That's why I signed legislation today to support non-profits and increase efficiency within the Department of State "

When conducting raffles, non-profits are required to obtain a license from both the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and a municipality when the value of a raffle for donated merchandise as a door prize reaches \$50 Among other measures, A-1883 (Burzichelli, Rumana, Caputo, Benson/Stack, Oroho) increases the value threshold from \$50 to \$200 and allows the Control Commission to increase this figure by regulation The concept for this legislation was raised at a Red Tape Review Commission (RTRC) public hearing and was included as a recommendation in an RTRC report

The bipartisan RTRC, created and made permanent by Executive Order, solicits and reviews public comments on existing statutes and regulations to improve New Jersey's regulatory process, promote job creation and retention, and eliminate burdensome red tape by periodically submitting written reports to the Governor Chaired by Acting Governor Guadagno, the RTRC's membership includes Senator Steven Oroho, Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, Assemblyman Scott Rumana, Franklin Township Mayor Brian D Levine, John Galandak, Tony Monteiro, and Kimberly Gillespie

"We are grateful to the Acting Governor, sponsors, and the Legislature for enacting this bill to enable charitable organizations to generate desperately needed resources to support their missions, and we welcome the chance to continue to work with the RTRC to reduce unnecessary bureaucratic burdens for the non-profits that are essential to the economic and social well-being of our state," said Linda M Czipo, executive director of the Center for Non-Profits, a statewide charitable umbrella organization serving New Jersey's non-profit community

The Acting Governor, who serves concurrently as Secretary of State, also took action today to reduce red tape in the Department of State While under the control and management of a Board of Trustees, the Museum has effectively functioned as a division of the Department of State The Acting Governor signed A-3509 (Benson, Simon/Turner, Oroho) to dissolve the Board of Trustees and make the Museum an official Department division to eliminate redundancy, streamline the reporting process, and promote greater administrative efficiency

Three of A-3509's primary sponsors were members of the State Museum's Board of Trustees, which unanimously resolved to encourage its dissolution and support this legislation

In total, the Acting Governor took action on the following bills

BILL SIGNINGS

A-1883/S-1941 (Burzichelli, Rumana, Caputo, Benson/Stack, Oroho) - Revises exemption from license requirement for raffles for door prizes of donated or purchased merchandise, increases total retail value from \$50

to \$200 or higher if permitted

A-3509/S-2279 (Benson, Simon/Turner, Oroho) - Establishes Division of State Museum in Department of State, continues New Jersey State Museum within division, abolishes museum board of trustees

AJR-119/SJR-76 (Spencer, Pintor Mann/Ruiz) - Designates third week of October of each year as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week"

BILL VETOED

S-2032/A-3440 (Codey, Turner/Diegnan, Eustace) - CONDITIONAL - Requires State Board of Education to develop rigorous computer science curriculum guidelines and school districts to incorporate those guidelines in grades six through 12

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