

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 9 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, (2) the
3 maximum retail value of each prize awarded by a licensee in a
4 single raffle, (3) the maximum price which may be charged for
5 each raffle chance issued or sold and (4) the maximum number of
6 days during which chances may be issued or sold. The licensing
7 system may include a fee for each license in an amount to be
8 determined by the local governing body. Licenses issued
9 pursuant to this Act shall be valid for one raffle or for a
10 specified number of raffles to be conducted during a specified
11 period not to exceed one year and may be suspended or revoked
12 for any violation of this Act. A local governing body shall act
13 on a license application within 30 days from the date of
14 application. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit
15 a county or municipality from adopting rules or ordinances for
16 the operation of raffles that are more restrictive than
17 provided for in this Act. Except for raffles organized by law
18 enforcement agencies and statewide associations that represent
19 law enforcement officials as provided in Section 9 of this Act,
20 the ~~The~~ governing body of a municipality may authorize the sale
21 of raffle chances only within the borders of the municipality.
22 Except for raffles organized by law enforcement agencies and
23 statewide associations that represent law enforcement
24 officials as provided in Section 9, the ~~The~~ governing body of
25 the county may authorize the sale of raffle chances only in
26 those areas which are both within the borders of the county and

1 outside the borders of any municipality.

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

17 (b) Licenses shall be issued only to bona fide religious,
18 charitable, labor, business, fraternal, educational or
19 veterans' organizations that operate without profit to their
20 members and which have been in existence continuously for a
21 period of 5 years immediately before making application for a
22 license and which have had during that entire 5 year period a
23 bona fide membership engaged in carrying out their objects, or
24 to a non-profit fundraising organization that the licensing
25 authority determines is organized for the sole purpose of
26 providing financial assistance to an identified individual or

1 group of individuals suffering extreme financial hardship as
2 the result of an illness, disability, accident or disaster, as
3 well as law enforcement agencies and statewide associations
4 that represent law enforcement officials as provided for in
5 Section 9 of this Act. A licensing authority may waive the
6 5-year requirement under this subsection (b) for a bona fide
7 religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal,
8 educational, or veterans' organization that applies for a
9 license to conduct a poker run if the organization is a local
10 organization that is affiliated with and chartered by a
11 national or State organization that meets the 5-year
12 requirement.

13 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions apply.
14 **Non-profit:** An organization or institution organized and
15 conducted on a not-for-profit basis with no personal profit
16 inuring to any one as a result of the operation. **Charitable:** An
17 organization or institution organized and operated to benefit
18 an indefinite number of the public. The service rendered to
19 those eligible for benefits must also confer some benefit on
20 the public. **Educational:** An organization or institution
21 organized and operated to provide systematic instruction in
22 useful branches of learning by methods common to schools and
23 institutions of learning which compare favorably in their scope
24 and intensity with the course of study presented in
25 tax-supported schools. **Religious:** Any church, congregation,
26 society, or organization founded for the purpose of religious

1 worship. Fraternal: An organization of persons having a common
2 interest, the primary interest of which is to both promote the
3 welfare of its members and to provide assistance to the general
4 public in such a way as to lessen the burdens of government by
5 caring for those that otherwise would be cared for by the
6 government. Veterans: An organization or association comprised
7 of members of which substantially all are individuals who are
8 veterans or spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, the
9 primary purpose of which is to promote the welfare of its
10 members and to provide assistance to the general public in such
11 a way as to confer a public benefit. Labor: An organization
12 composed of workers organized with the objective of betterment
13 of the conditions of those engaged in such pursuit and the
14 development of a higher degree of efficiency in their
15 respective occupations. Business: A voluntary organization
16 composed of individuals and businesses who have joined together
17 to advance the commercial, financial, industrial and civic
18 interests of a community.

19 (c) Poker runs shall be licensed by the governing body with
20 jurisdiction over the key location. The license granted by the
21 key location shall cover the entire poker run, including
22 locations other than the key location. Each license issued
23 shall include the name and address of each predetermined
24 location.

25 (Source: P.A. 98-644, eff. 6-10-14.)

1 (230 ILCS 15/9 new)

2 Sec. 9. Raffles by law enforcement agencies and statewide
3 associations that represent law enforcement officials.

4 (a) As used in this Section:

5 "Key location" means the location where the raffle
6 organized by a law enforcement agency or a statewide
7 association that represents law enforcement officials is
8 conducted and the prize or prizes are awarded.

9 "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of this State or
10 unit of local government which is vested by law or ordinance
11 with the duty to maintain public order and to enforce criminal
12 laws or ordinances.

13 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, law
14 enforcement agencies and statewide associations that represent
15 law enforcement officials may organize raffles under this Act.
16 Raffles organized by a law enforcement agency or a statewide
17 association that represents law enforcement officials must
18 only be licensed by the governing body of the county or
19 municipality in which the key location for that raffle is
20 located, even if raffle tickets are sold beyond the borders of
21 that governing body of the county or municipality. A raffle
22 organized by a law enforcement agency or a statewide
23 association that represents law enforcement officials must
24 abide by any restrictions established pursuant to subsection
25 (a) of Section 2 of this Act by the governing body of the
26 county or municipality in which the key location is located.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.