

AN ACT concerning gaming.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Department" means the Department of Revenue.

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

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

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

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

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

operation.

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

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

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

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

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

"Qualified organization" means:

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

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

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

(c) An auxiliary organization of a veterans organization.

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

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

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

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

"Volunteer" means a person recruited by a licensed

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

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