

§1837-A. Raffles

1. Registration required. Unless otherwise specified by this section, a person or organization may not conduct a raffle without registering with the Gambling Control Unit.

[PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §25 (NEW).]

2. Raffle with a prize of \$2,500 or less. Except for raffles conducted by an eligible organization under subsection 2-A, a person or organization is not required to register with the Gambling Control Unit to conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize offered to the holder of the winning chance does not exceed \$2,500. If the raffle is conducted in a manner in which there are multiple winning chances, the total value of all prizes offered may not exceed a value of \$2,500.

[PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (AMD).]

2-A. Raffle with a prize of \$10,000 or less conducted by eligible organization. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 is not required to register with the Gambling Control Unit to conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize offered to the holder of the winning chance does not exceed \$10,000. If the raffle is conducted in a manner in which there are multiple winning chances, the total value of all prizes offered may not exceed a value of \$10,000.

[PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (NEW).]

3. Raffle with a noncash prize greater than \$2,500 but not greater than \$10,000. Except for raffles conducted by an eligible organization under subsection 4, a person or organization may conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize offered to the holder of the winning chance is greater than \$2,500 and does not exceed \$10,000 upon the acceptance of a registration by the Gambling Control Unit. The Gambling Control Unit may not accept a registration for a raffle under this subsection unless the registration states a verifiable charitable purpose for which the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit. If the raffle is conducted in a manner in which there are multiple winning chances, the total value of all prizes offered may not exceed a value of \$10,000. A prize offered for a raffle conducted under this subsection may not be in the form of cash and may not be exchanged for cash.

[PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (AMD).]

4. Raffle with a noncash prize of up to \$75,000 or a cash prize of up to \$20,000 conducted by eligible organization. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 may register with the Gambling Control Unit to conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize or prizes awarded to the holder of a winning chance or to the holders of the winning chances does not exceed:

A. Seventy-five thousand dollars that is not in the form of cash and may not be exchanged for cash; or [PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (NEW).]

B. Twenty thousand dollars in cash, with no more than one \$10,000 cash prize for the holder of a winning chance. [PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (NEW).]

At the time of registration, the eligible organization shall state a verifiable charitable purpose that the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit.

[PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (AMD).]

5. Raffle conducted by persons 18 years of age or older; exception. Raffle chances or tickets may not be sold by a person under 18 years of age, except for raffles conducted under subsections 2 and 3 designed to benefit activities of children at an event generally attended by persons under 18 years of age.

[PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §25 (NEW).]

6. Multiple raffles. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 may conduct more than one raffle at a time that meet the requirements of subsections 2-A, 3 and 4, except that an eligible organization may not conduct more than one registered raffle at the same time under subsection 4, paragraph A and may not conduct more than one registered raffle at the same time under

subsection 4, paragraph B. This subsection does not prevent an eligible organization from conducting one registered raffle under subsection 4, paragraph A at the same time that the eligible organization conducts one registered raffle under subsection 4, paragraph B. When an eligible organization conducts multiple raffles as permitted by this subsection, the eligible organization is not required to begin and end those raffles on the same dates.

[PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §25 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 365, §1 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 129, §3 (AMD).

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