

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2161

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to lotteries; amending 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1051, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2004 (21 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1051), which relates to organizations permitted to conduct raffles; modifying list of organizations that may conduct raffles; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 1051, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2004 (21 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1051), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1051. A. A lottery is any scheme for the disposal or distribution of property by chance among persons who have paid, or promised, or agreed to pay any valuable consideration for the chance of obtaining such property, or a portion of it, or for any share of or interest in such property, upon any agreement, understanding or expectation that it is to be distributed or disposed of by a lot or chance, whether called a lottery, a raffle, or a gift enterprise, or by whatever name the same may be known. "Valuable consideration" shall be construed to mean money or goods of actual pecuniary value. Provided, it shall not be a violation of the lottery or gambling laws of this state for:

1. A bona fide resident merchant or merchants of a city or town, acting in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce or Commercial Club of this state thereof, to issue free of charge numbered tickets on sales of merchandise, the corresponding stub of

one or more of which tickets to be drawn or chosen by lot by a representative or representatives of said Chamber of Commerce or of said Commercial Club in the manner set forth on said tickets, the numbered stub or stubs so drawn to entitle the holder of the corresponding numbered issued ticket to a valuable prize donated by said merchant;

2. A bona fide community chest welfare fund on a military post or reservation to issue numbered tickets in conjunction with voluntary contributions to said fund, the corresponding stub or stubs of one or more of said tickets to be drawn by lot under the supervision of a military commander, the stub or stubs so drawn entitling the ticket holder to a prize of some value. Provided however, that no person shall sell tickets or receive contributions to said fund off the military reservation; or

3. a. A qualified organization to raise funds by issuing numbered tickets in conjunction with voluntary contributions to the qualified organization, the corresponding stub or stubs of one or more of the tickets to be drawn by lot under the supervision of an official of the qualified organization, the stub or stubs so drawn entitling the ticket holder to a prize. As used in this paragraph, "qualified organization" means:

- (1) a church,
- (2) a public or private school accredited by the State Department of Education or registered by the State Board of Education for purposes of participating in federal programs,
- (3) a student group or organization affiliated with a public or private school qualified pursuant to division (2) of this subparagraph,

- (4) a parent-teacher association or organization affiliated with a public or private school qualified pursuant to division (2) of this subparagraph,
 - (5) fire departments,
 - (6) police departments,
 - (7) sheriff departments,
 - (8) county offices,
 - (9) Human Services Centers and Social Services Centers, as defined by Section 32.1 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 - (10) organizations that are exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c) et seq., or
 - ~~(8)~~ (11) an "organization" as such term is defined in paragraph 20 of Section 402 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- b. Any raffle conducted by a qualified organization shall be conducted by members of the qualified organization without compensation to any member. The organization shall not hire or contract with any person or business association, corporation, partnership, limited partnership or limited liability company to conduct a raffle, to sell raffle tickets or to solicit contributions in connection with a raffle on behalf of the organization.

B. If the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act ceases to have the force and effect of law pursuant to Section 36 of the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act, the provisions of paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section shall cease to have the force and effect of law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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