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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 30/8	from Ch. 120, par. 1128
230 ILCS 30/12	from Ch. 120, par. 1132

Amends the Charitable Games Act. Provides that noncash prizes shall be of nominal value or be donated to the organization conducting the game. Provides that civil penalties imposed under the Act shall not exceed \$500 for each separate violation committed during the first event and \$1,500 for each separate violation committed at subsequent events. Effective immediately.

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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 Charitable Games Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 8 and 12 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 30/8) (from Ch. 120, par. 1128)

7 Sec. 8. The conducting of charitable games is subject to
8 the following restrictions:

9 (1) The entire net proceeds from charitable games must
10 be exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the
11 organization permitted to conduct that game.

12 (2) No person except a bona fide member or employee of
13 the sponsoring organization, or a volunteer recruited by
14 the sponsoring organization, may participate in the
15 management or operation of the game. A person participates
16 in the management or operation of a charitable game when
17 he or she sells admission tickets at the event; sells,
18 redeems, or in any way assists in the selling or redeeming
19 of chips, scrip, or play money; participates in the
20 conducting of any of the games played during the event, or
21 supervises, directs or instructs anyone conducting a game;
22 or at any time during the hours of the charitable games
23 event counts, handles, or supervises anyone counting or

1 handling any of the proceeds or chips, scrip, or play
2 money at the event. A person who is present to ensure that
3 the games are being conducted in conformance with the
4 rules established by the licensed organization or is
5 present to insure that the equipment is working properly
6 is considered to be participating in the management or
7 operation of a game. Setting up, cleaning up, selling food
8 and drink, or providing security for persons or property
9 at the event does not constitute participation in the
10 management or operation of the game.

11 Only bona fide members, volunteers as defined in
12 Section 2 of this Act, and employees of the sponsoring
13 organization may participate in the management or
14 operation of the games. Participation in the management or
15 operation of the games is limited to no more than 12
16 charitable games events, either of the sponsoring
17 organization or any other licensed organization, during a
18 calendar year.

19 (3) No person may receive any remuneration or
20 compensation either directly or indirectly from any source
21 for participating in the management or operation of the
22 game.

23 (4) No single bet at any house-banked game may exceed
24 \$20.

25 (5) A bank shall be established on the premises to
26 convert currency into chips, scrip, or other form of play

1 money which shall then be used to play at games of chance
2 which the participant chooses. Chips, scrip, or play money
3 must be permanently monogrammed with the supplier license
4 number or logo or charitable games license number of a
5 licensed organization or of the supplier. Each participant
6 must be issued a receipt indicating the amount of chips,
7 scrip, or play money purchased.

8 (6) At the conclusion of the event or when the
9 participant leaves, participants ~~he or she~~ may cash in
10 their ~~his or her~~ chips, scrip, or play money in exchange
11 for currency not to exceed \$500 in cash winnings or
12 unlimited noncash prizes, which shall be of nominal value
13 or be donated to the organization conducting the game.
14 Each participant shall sign for any receipt of prizes. The
15 licensee shall provide the Department of Revenue with a
16 listing of all prizes awarded, including the retail value
17 of all prizes awarded.

18 (7) Each licensee shall be permitted to conduct
19 charitable games on not more than 4 days each year.
20 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a
21 licensee that conducts charitable games on its own
22 premises from also obtaining a providers' license in
23 accordance with Section 7 of this Act.

24 (8) Unless the provider of the premises is a
25 municipality, the provider of the premises may not rent or
26 otherwise provide the premises for the conducting of more

1 than 12 charitable games nights per calendar year.

2 (9) A charitable games event is considered to be a
3 one-day event and charitable games may not be played
4 between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and noon.

5 (10) No person under the age of 18 years may play or
6 participate in the conducting of charitable games. Any
7 person under the age of 18 years may be within the area
8 where charitable games are being played only when
9 accompanied by his parent or guardian.

10 (11) No one other than the sponsoring organization of
11 charitable games must have a proprietary interest in the
12 game promoted.

13 (12) Raffles or other forms of gambling prohibited by
14 law shall not be conducted on the premises where
15 charitable games are being conducted.

16 (13) Such games are not expressly prohibited by county
17 ordinance for charitable games conducted in the
18 unincorporated areas of the county or municipal ordinance
19 for charitable games conducted in the municipality and the
20 ordinance is filed with the Department of Revenue. The
21 Department shall provide each county or municipality with
22 a list of organizations licensed or subsequently
23 authorized by the Department to conduct charitable games
24 in their jurisdiction.

25 (14) The sale of tangible personal property at
26 charitable games is subject to all State and local taxes

1 and obligations.

2 (15) Each licensee may offer or conduct only the games
3 listed below, which must be conducted in accordance with
4 rules posted by the organization. The organization
5 sponsoring charitable games shall promulgate rules, and
6 make printed copies available to participants, for the
7 following games: (a) roulette; (b) blackjack; (c) poker;
8 (d) pull tabs; (e) craps; (f) bang; (g) beat the dealer;
9 (h) big six; (i) gin rummy; (j) five card stud poker; (k)
10 chuck-a-luck; (l) keno; (m) hold-em poker; and (n)
11 merchandise wheel. A licensee need not offer or conduct
12 every game permitted by law. The conducting of games not
13 listed above is prohibited by this Act.

14 (16) No slot machines or coin-in-the-slot-operated
15 devices that allow a participant to play games of chance
16 shall be permitted to be used at the location and during
17 the time at which the charitable games are being
18 conducted. However, establishments that have video gaming
19 terminals licensed under the Video Gaming Act may operate
20 them along with charitable games under rules adopted by
21 the Department.

22 (17) No cards, dice, wheels, or other equipment may be
23 modified or altered so as to give the licensee a greater
24 advantage in winning, other than as provided under the
25 normal rules of play of a particular game.

26 (18) No credit shall be extended to any of the

1 participants.

2 (19) (Blank).

3 (20) A supplier may have only one representative
4 present at the charitable games event, for the exclusive
5 purpose of ensuring that its equipment is not damaged.

6 (21) No employee, owner, or officer of a consultant
7 service hired by a licensed organization to perform
8 services at the event including, but not limited to,
9 security for persons or property at the event or services
10 before the event including, but not limited to, training
11 for volunteers or advertising may participate in the
12 management or operation of the games.

13 (22) (Blank).

14 (Source: P.A. 98-377, eff. 1-1-14; 98-1071, eff. 8-26-14.)

15 (230 ILCS 30/12) (from Ch. 120, par. 1132)

16 Sec. 12. Penalties.

17 (1) Any person who conducts or knowingly participates in
18 an unlicensed charitable game commits the offense of gambling
19 in violation of Section 28-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012. Any
20 person who violates any provision of this Act, or any person
21 who fails to file a charitable games return or who files a
22 fraudulent return or application under this Act, or any person
23 who willfully violates any rule or regulation of the
24 Department for the administration and enforcement of this Act,
25 or any officer or agent of an organization licensed under this

1 Act who signs a fraudulent return or application filed on
2 behalf of such an organization, is guilty of a Class A
3 misdemeanor. Any second or subsequent violation of this Act
4 constitutes a Class 4 felony.

5 (2) Any organization that illegally conducts charitable
6 games, in addition to other penalties provided for in this
7 Act, shall be subject to a civil penalty equal to the amount of
8 gross proceeds derived from those unlicensed games, as well as
9 confiscation and forfeiture of all charitable games equipment
10 used in the conduct of those unlicensed games.

11 (3) Any organization licensed to conduct charitable games
12 that allows any form of illegal gambling to be conducted on the
13 premises where charitable games are being conducted, in
14 addition to other penalties provided for in this Act, shall be
15 subject to a civil penalty equal to the amount of gross
16 proceeds derived on that day from charitable games and any
17 illegal game that may have been conducted, as well as
18 confiscation and forfeiture of all charitable games equipment
19 used in the conduct of any unlicensed or illegal games.

20 (4) Any person who violates any provision of this Act or
21 knowingly violates any rule of the Department for the
22 administration of this Act, in addition to other penalties
23 provided, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed
24 \$500 ~~\$250~~ for each separate violation committed during the
25 first event and \$1,500 for each separate violation committed
26 at subsequent events.

1 (5) No person shall sell, lease, or distribute for
2 compensation within this State, or possess with intent to
3 sell, lease, or distribute for compensation within this State,
4 any chips, representations of money, wheels, or any devices or
5 equipment designed for use or used in the play of charitable
6 games without first having obtained a license to do so from the
7 Department of Revenue. Any person that knowingly violates this
8 paragraph is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, the fine for
9 which shall not exceed \$50,000.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

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