



August 24, 2006

Charitable Gaming
Directive No. 5.04.01

Raffles (Exempt)

BACKGROUND

Section 5d(4) of Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (Act) states: "A qualified organization is excused from the requirements of obtaining a license under this act if the qualified organization is sponsoring a single gathering and conducts a raffle before which there is no presale of tickets and the total aggregate retail value of the prize or prizes to be awarded that day is \$100.00 or less."

Section 3a(14) of the Act states: "'Single gathering' means 1 scheduled assembly or meeting with a specified beginning and ending time that is conducted or sponsored by the qualified organization. Single gathering does not include the regular operating hours of a club or similar facility and does not include a meeting conducted solely for the purpose of conducting a raffle."

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Only organizations that have been qualified by the bureau are permitted to conduct exempt raffles.
2. A single gathering is a scheduled event for something other than just the raffle and must be conducted or sponsored by the qualified organization. However, participation does not have to be limited to the organization's members.
3. All raffle tickets must be sold and all prizes must be awarded during the scheduled hours of the single gathering.
4. The total aggregate retail value of ALL prizes awarded, including cash and/or donated items, shall not exceed \$100 for the entire day. This means the total value, not each individual item. If a 50/50 drawing is being conducted, ticket sales must stop when the organization has received \$200.

Signed copy available upon request

Gary C. Peters, Lottery Commissioner

Date