ASSEMBLY, No. 4464

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 10, 2017

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman R. BRUCE LAND

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Assemblyman BOB ANDRZEJCZAK

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Senator JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR. District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

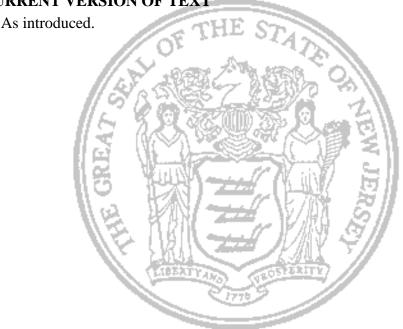
Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen C.A.Brown and Space

SYNOPSIS

Permits conduct of punch-board games under raffle license.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/9/2018)

A4464 LAND, ANDRZEJCZAK

AN ACT concerning the types of raffle games permitted to be
conducted by licensed organizations in this State and
supplementing the "Raffles Licensing Law," P.L.1954, c.5
(C.5:8-50 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission shall adopt regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), authorizing licensees to hold and conduct punch-board games.

A "punch-board" means a board with a number of openings of uniform size in which the manufacturer placed, at random, slips of paper or other substances or punches imprinted with numbers or symbols; where a flare or face sheet covers the openings and sets out the winning numbers or symbols and which prizes a player may win; and the punches have specific serial numbers assigned and printed on them.

A punch-board game shall allow a player, after buying a punch, to select and remove the punch from the opening of the punch-board, and, if the number on the selected punch matches the flare, to win and be awarded the specified prize.

The control commission's regulations shall allow the punch-board games to be conducted under the same license issued for the conduct of pull-tab raffle games, and only one license shall be required for the conduct of pull-tab, punch-board, or both types of games. The control commission may specify any other requirements applicable to the conduct of punch-board games which the commission may deem necessary.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

 Under current law, municipalities where voters have approved a referendum to allow raffle games may license eligible organizations to conduct these games. The Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the Department of Law and Public Safety regulates the conduct of these games.

Under Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2, subparagraph B of the State Constitution, and under the Raffles Licensing Law, eligible organizations may apply for a license to conduct raffles. Bona fide organizations or associations of veterans; churches or religious congregations and religious organizations; charitable, educational, and fraternal organizations; civic and service clubs; senior citizen associations and clubs; officially recognized

A4464 LAND, ANDRZEJCZAK

volunteer fire companies; and officially recognized volunteer first aid or rescue squads are eligible to apply for a license. These organizations must dedicate the entire net proceeds of the raffle games to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or publicspirited uses. Organizations or associations of veterans, and senior citizen associations and clubs, may also use these proceeds to support their organizations.

This bill permits eligible organizations to also conduct punch-board games. A "punch-board" means a board with a number of openings of uniform size in which the manufacturer placed, at random, slips of paper or other substances or punches imprinted with numbers or symbols; where a flare or face sheet covers the openings and sets out the winning numbers or symbols and which prizes a player may win; and the punches have specific serial numbers assigned and printed on them. A punch-board game must allow a player, after buying a punch, to select and remove the punch from the opening of the punch-board, and, if the number on the selected punch matches the flare, to win and be awarded the specified prize.

The bill directs the control commission to adopt the necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of punch-board games, which must allow the punch-board games to be conducted under the same license issued for the conduct of pull-tab raffle games.