

No. 1990-195

AN ACT

SB 1140

Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), entitled "An act providing for the licensing of clubs to conduct games of chance, for the licensing of persons to distribute games of chance, for the registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits; requiring records; providing for local referendum by electorate; and prescribing penalties," further providing for the conducting of games of chance, the organizations which may conduct such games, how, where and by whom they may be conducted, referendums, powers of the department and penalties.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The title of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, is amended to read:

AN ACT

Providing for the licensing of **[clubs] eligible organizations** to conduct games of chance, for the licensing of persons to distribute games of chance, for the registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits; requiring records; providing for local referendum by electorate; and prescribing penalties.

Section 2. Section 3 of the act, amended July 11, 1990 (P.L.449, No.108), is amended to read:

Section 3. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Bona fide **[club]** member." Any individual who holds a **[full]** membership in the **[club] eligible organization** as defined by **[the club's] that organization's** constitution, charter, articles of incorporation or bylaws.

"Charitable organization." A not-for-profit group or body of persons which is created and exists for the purpose of performing a humane service; promoting the good and welfare of the aged, poor, infirm or distressed; combating juvenile delinquency; or advancing the spiritual, mental, social and physical improvement of young men and women.

"*Civic and service associations.*" Any *Statewide or branch, lodge or chapter of a nonprofit national or State organization which is authorized by its written constitution, charter, articles of incorporation or bylaws to engage in a civic or service purpose within this Commonwealth, which shall have existed in this Commonwealth for one year. The term also means a similar local nonprofit organization, not affiliated with a national or State organization, which is recognized by a resolution adopted by the governing body of*

the municipality in which the organization conducts its principal activities. The term shall include, but not be limited to, bona fide sportsmen's and wildlife associations, federations or clubs, Statewide or local in nature, volunteer fire companies, volunteer rescue squads and volunteer ambulance associations and bona fide senior citizens organizations. In the case of bona fide senior citizens organizations, the licensing authority may accept alternative documentation for proof of purposes when there are no bylaws or articles of incorporation in existence. The term shall also include nonprofit organizations which are established to promote and encourage participation and support for extracurricular activities within the established primary and secondary public, private and parochial school systems. Such organizations must be recognized by a resolution adopted by the appropriate governing body. In the case of organizations associated with the public school system, the governing body shall be the school board of the school district. In the case of private or parochial school organizations, that body shall be either the board of trustees or the Archdiocese.

"Club." [An incorporated unit of a national veterans' organization, as defined in section 461.1 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, and licensed to sell liquor at retail under the act; or a] A club, as defined in section 102 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, that qualifies as an exempt organization under section 501(c) or 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (68A Stat. 3, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c) or 527) and is licensed to sell liquor at retail and has a charitable, religious or civic purpose or is organized to benefit a political party.]; or an organized fraternal society created and carried on for the mutual benefit of its members, not-for-profit and not issuing capital stock, having a limited membership and a representative form of government and licensed to sell liquor at retail under the Liquor Code; or a not-for-profit religious or charitable organization conducting business in accordance with the express purpose of a written constitution, charter, articles of incorporation or bylaws. The term "club" shall also include any volunteer fire company, volunteer rescue squad or volunteer ambulance association. Each club shall have been in existence and fulfilling its purposes for two years prior to the date of application for a license.]

"Daily drawing." A game in which a bona fide member selects or is assigned a number for a chance at a prize with the winner determined by a random drawing to take place on the eligible organization's premises during the same operating day. The term includes games commonly known as "member sign-in lotteries" and "half-and-half lotteries." Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the carrying over of a jackpot where the winning number has not been entered in the game on a particular operating day. Daily drawing winners may be determined with the aid of a passive selection device or reference to drawings conducted by the department pursuant to the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law. Daily drawing chances may not be sold for an amount in excess of \$1, and no more than one chance may be sold to an individual during the same operating day.

"Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

"Dispensing machine." *A device designed exclusively for the dispensing of the games of chance authorized by this act, including, but not limited to, ticket jars, fish bowls and stamp machines. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize devices commonly known as "slot machines" or "video poker."*

"Eligible organizations." *Includes qualifying nonprofit charitable, religious, fraternal and veterans organizations, clubs and civic and service associations as defined by this act. In order to qualify as an eligible organization for purposes of this act, an organization shall have been in existence and fulfilling its purposes for one year prior to the date of application for a license.*

"Fraternal organizations." *A nonprofit organization within this Commonwealth which is created and carried on for the mutual benefit of its members, has a limited membership and a representative form of government and is a branch, lodge or chapter of a national or State organization. Such organizations shall have been in existence in this Commonwealth and fulfilling their purposes for one year prior to the date of application for a license.*

"Games of chance." *Punchboards, [lotteries] daily drawings, raffles and pull-tabs, as defined in this act, provided that no such game shall be played by or with the assistance of any mechanical or electrical devices or media other than a dispensing machine or passive selection device and further provided that the particular chance taken by any person in any such game shall not be made contingent upon any other occurrence or the winning of any other contest, but shall be determined solely at the discretion of the purchaser. This definition shall not be construed to authorize any other form of gambling currently prohibited under any provision of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to crimes and offenses). Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize games commonly known as "slot machines" or "video poker."*

"Law enforcement official." *A municipal police officer, a member of the Pennsylvania State Police, the sheriff of a county or a deputy sheriff.*

["Legitimate club purposes." One or more of the following:

(1) **Benefiting persons by enhancing their opportunity for religious or education advancement, by relieving or protecting them from disease, suffering or distress, by contributing to their physical, emotional or social well-being, by assisting them in establishing themselves in life as worthy and useful citizens, or by increasing their comprehension of and devotion to the principles upon which this nation was founded.**

(2) **Initiating, performing, or fostering worthy public works or enabling or furthering the erection or maintenance of public structures.**

(3) **Lessening the burdens borne by government or voluntarily supporting, augmenting or supplementing services which government would normally render to the people.**

(4) **Improving, expanding, maintaining or repairing real property owned or leased by a club and used for purposes specified in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3).**

The term does not include the erection or acquisition of any real property, unless the property will be used exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in this definition.]

“License.” *A license to conduct games of chance.*

“Licensing authority.” The county treasurer, or in any home rule county or city of the first class, where there is no elected treasurer, the designee of the governing authority.

“Lottery.” A game in which a bona fide club member or guest selects a number for a chance at a prize with the winner determined by a random drawing to take place on the licensed premises. The term includes games commonly known as “member sign-in lotteries” and “half-and-half lotteries.” Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit lotteries any part of which are conducted at locations other than the licensed premises, nor shall the term “lottery” include any game or contest in which the winning number is determined by any other drawing or event, except that winning numbers may be determined by reference to drawings conducted by the department pursuant to the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law.]

“Municipality.” A city, borough, incorporated town or township or a home rule municipality formerly classified as a city, borough, incorporated town or township.

“Passive selection device.” *A device which is used to hold or denote the universe of possible winning numbers or entrants in a daily drawing or raffle. Such a device may not have the capability of being utilized to conduct or aid in the conducting of unauthorized or illegal forms of gambling.*

“Public interest purposes.” *One or more of the following:*

(1) Benefiting persons by enhancing their opportunity for religious or education advancement, by relieving or protecting them from disease, suffering or distress, by contributing to their physical, emotional or social well-being, by assisting them in establishing themselves in life as worthy and useful citizens or by increasing their comprehension of and devotion to the principles upon which this nation was founded.

(2) Initiating, performing or fostering worthy public works or enabling or furthering the erection or maintenance of public structures.

(3) Lessening the burdens borne by government or voluntarily supporting, augmenting or supplementing services which government would normally render to the people.

(4) Improving, expanding, maintaining or repairing real property owned or leased by an eligible organization and used for purposes specified in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3).

The term does not include the erection or acquisition of any real property, unless the property will be used exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in this definition.

“Pull-tab.” A single folded or banded ticket or a strip ticket or card with a face covered to conceal one or more numbers or symbols, where one or more of each set of tickets or cards has been designated in advance as a winner. [“Pull-tab” also includes a ticket sold in a device known as a ticket jar, fish bowl or stamp machine.]

“Punchboard.” A board, placard or other device marked off in a grid or columns, in which each section contains a hidden number or numbers, or other symbol, which determines the winning chances.

“Raffle.” A game in which a participant buys a ticket for a chance at a prize with the winner determined by a random drawing of corresponding ticket stubs to take place at a location and date *or dates* printed upon each ticket. *Such games shall include lotteries but not daily drawings. Raffle winners may be determined by reference to drawings conducted by the department pursuant to the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law.*

“Religious organization.” A not-for-profit group or body of persons which is created and which exists for the predominant purpose of regularly holding or conducting religious activities or religious education, without pecuniary benefit to any officer, member or shareholder except as reasonable compensation for actual services rendered to the organization.

“Veterans organization.” *Any congressionally chartered organization within this Commonwealth, or any branch or lodge or chapter of a nonprofit national or State organization within this Commonwealth, the membership of which consists of individuals who were members of the armed services or armed forces of the United States. The term shall also include home associations. Such organizations shall have been in existence in this Commonwealth fulfilling their purposes for one year prior to the date of application for a license.*

Section 3. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7(a), 9, 10, 11, 12, 14(d), 15 and 17(a) and (b) of the act are amended to read:

Section 4. Games of chance permitted.

Every [club] *eligible organization* to which a license has been issued under the provisions of this act may conduct games of chance for the purpose of raising funds for [legitimate club] *public interest* purposes. All proceeds of games of chance shall be used exclusively for [legitimate club] *public interest* purposes or for the purchase of games of chance as permitted by this act.

Section 5. Prize limits.

(a) Individual prize limit.—The maximum cash value which may be awarded for any single chance shall be \$500.

(b) Weekly limit.—No more than \$5,000 in cash or merchandise shall be awarded by any [club] *eligible organization* in any seven-day period.

(c) Limit on raffles.—No more than \$5,000 in cash or merchandise shall be awarded in raffles in any calendar month.

(d) Exception.—[A club] *An eligible organization* may conduct a raffle and award a prize or prizes valued in excess of \$500 each only under the following conditions:

(1) The licensing authority has issued a special permit for the raffle under section 11.

(2) [No club] *Eligible organizations* shall be eligible to receive *no more than two special permits in any [calendar year] licensed year except that volunteer fire, ambulance and rescue organizations shall be eligible to receive no more than three special permits in any licensed year.*

- (3) Only one raffle may be conducted under each special permit.
- (4) The total cash value of all prizes shall be no more than \$25,000 for each raffle.

(e) Limit on daily drawings.—Daily drawings shall be governed by the prize limitations contained in subsections (a) and (b).

(f) Exception.—The prize limitation contained in subsections (a) and (b) may be exceeded by a daily drawing under the following circumstances: a daily drawing may award a prize where the cash value is in excess of \$500 if such prize is the result of a carryover of a drawing or drawings which resulted from the winning number in such drawing or drawings not being among the eligible entrants in such drawings. Nothing contained herein shall authorize the prize limitations as contained in subsections (a) and (b) to be exceeded as a result of a failure to conduct a drawing on an operating day during which chances were sold for a daily drawing or for a daily drawing for which chances were sold in excess of \$1 or for which more than one chance was sold to an eligible participant.

(g) Daily drawing exception.—When a daily drawing is set up or conducted in such a manner as to pay out or award 100% of the gross revenues generated from such drawing, the limitations contained in subsection (b) shall not apply.

Section 6. Sales limited.

No person shall sell, offer for sale or furnish games of chance for use within this Commonwealth except to **[a club] an eligible organization** or distributor licensed under this act. No game of chance, other than a raffle, sold, offered for sale or furnished for use within this Commonwealth shall contain, permit, depict or designate a prize having a cash value in excess of \$500.

Section 7. Distributor licenses.

*(a) License required.—No person shall sell, offer for sale or furnish games of chance to **[clubs] eligible organizations** licensed under this act unless such person shall have obtained a distributor license as provided in this section.*

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Section 9. Regulations of department.

(a) Authorization.—The department shall promulgate regulations to:

(1) Impose minimum standards and restrictions applicable to games of chance manufactured for sale in this Commonwealth, which may include standards and restrictions which specify the maximum number of chances available to be sold for any single game or prize and such other standards and restrictions as the department deems necessary for the purposes of this act. The department shall consider standards adopted by the National Association of Gambling Regulatory Agencies and other standards commonly accepted in the industry.

(2) Establish procedures by which manufacturers may register and distributors of games of chance may apply for licensure on forms which the department shall provide.

(3) Provide for the suspension or revocation of distribution licenses or manufacturer certificates for violations of this act or regulations of the department.

(4) Carry out other provisions of this act.

(b) Limitation on recordkeeping requirements.—This section shall not be construed to authorize the department to promulgate regulations providing for recordkeeping requirements for eligible organizations which require unreasonable or unnecessary information or a repetitious listing of information. The department shall strive to keep such recordkeeping requirements from being an undue hardship or burden on eligible organizations. Under no circumstances shall the department require the retention of records for a period in excess of two years.

Section 10. Licensing of [clubs] *eligible organizations* to conduct games of chance.

(a) License required.—No [club] *eligible organization* shall conduct or operate any games of chance unless such [club] *eligible organization* has obtained and maintains a valid license issued pursuant to this section. *Auxiliary groups within eligible organizations shall be eligible to conduct small games of chance using the license issued to the eligible organization provided that the auxiliary group or groups are listed on the application and license of the eligible organization. No additional licensing fee shall be charged for an auxiliary group's eligibility under this act. Auxiliary groups shall not include branches, lodges or chapters of a Statewide organization.*

(b) Issuance and fees.—The licensing authority shall license, upon application, [any club] *within 30 days any eligible organization* meeting the requirements for licensure contained in this act to conduct and operate games of chance at [one location in the county.] *such locations within the county or in such manner as stated on the application as limited by subsection (b.1).* The license fee to be charged to each [club] *eligible organization* shall be \$100, *except for limited occasion licenses which shall be \$10.* Licenses shall be renewable annually *upon the anniversary of the date of issue.*

(b.1) Location of small games of chance.—Where there exists a location or premises which is the normal business or operating site of the eligible organization and is owned or leased by that eligible organization to conduct its normal business, that site shall be the licensed premises for small games of chance conducted by the eligible organization. If that location consists of more than one building and the eligible organization wishes to conduct its games in a different building at that location from the one that is listed on its application and license, the eligible organization must notify, in writing, the district attorney and the licensing authority of the change in building site and the dates and times that will be affected. When an eligible organization does not own or lease a specific location to conduct its normal business, that eligible organization may use another eligible organization's premises to conduct its games or may make such other arrangements that are consistent with this act, including, but not limited to, leasing a premise under a written agreement for a rental which is not determined by either the amount of receipts

realized from the playing of games of chance nor the number of people attending except that an eligible organization may lease a facility for a banquet where a per head charge is applied in connection with the serving of a meal. When such eligible organization changes the site of its games from that which is listed on its application and license, the eligible organization must notify, in writing, the district attorney and licensing authority of the change in their games' site and dates and times that will be affected.

(b.2) Off-premises games of chance.—Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, an eligible organization may conduct small games of chance at a location off its premises when such games are part of an annual carnival, fair, picnic or banquet held or participated in by that eligible organization on a historical basis. The eligible organization must notify, in writing, the district attorney and licensing authority of the location, date and times of such events where it will be conducting small games of chance.

(b.3) Limited occasion licenses.—Eligible organizations which do not own their own premises or which do not lease a specific location to conduct their normal business may apply for a limited occasion license to conduct small games of chance on not more than three occasions covering a total of seven days during a licensed year. A limited occasion license entitles eligible organizations holding such a license to conduct no more than two raffles during a licensed year where prizes may not exceed the established limits for regular monthly raffles. Holders of limited occasion licenses may not apply or be granted any other license or special permit under this act. No holder of a regular license or special permit under this act shall apply or be granted a limited occasion license.

(b.4) Gambling facility prohibited.—It shall be unlawful for a person, corporation, association, partnership or other business entity to offer for rent or offer for use a building or facility to be used exclusively for the conducting of small games of chance. It shall also be unlawful for any eligible organization to lease under any terms a facility or building which is used exclusively for the conducting of small games of chance.

(c) Display.—Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be publicly displayed [on the premises.] at the site of the small games of chance.

(d) Operation.—Each licensed [club] eligible organization shall comply with the following restrictions and rules governing the operation of games of chance:

(1) No person under 18 years of age[, or in the case of a club holding a liquor license, 21 years of age,] shall be permitted to operate or play games of chance.

(2) No [club] eligible organization shall permit any person who has been convicted of a felony [or] in a Federal or State court within the past five years or has been convicted in a Federal or State court within the past ten years of a violation of the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, or of this act to manage, set up, supervise or participate in the operation of games of chance.

(3) No [club] eligible organization shall pay any compensation to any person for conducting any games of chance. Games of chance may only be

conducted by [club] managers, officers, directors, bar personnel and [persons who have been] bona fide members of the [club for at least one year] *eligible organization*.

(4) Games shall be conducted only on the licensed premises[, except that raffle tickets may be sold at other locations for drawings to be held no more frequently than once a calendar month.] *or as otherwise provided by this act.*

(5) The [club shall own the premises upon which games of chance are played or shall] *eligible organization shall not* lease such premises under *either an oral or a written agreement for a rental which is [not] determined by either the amount of receipts realized from the playing of games of chance [nor] or the number of people attending, except that an eligible organization may lease a facility for a banquet where a per head charge is applied in connection with the serving of a meal.* [A club] *An eligible organization shall not lease such premises from any person who has been convicted of a violation of this act within the past ten years.*

(6) Games, other than raffles *and daily drawings*, shall be purchased only from manufacturers and distributors approved by the department.

(7) [No location or licensed premises may be used by more than one licensed club for the conducting of games of chance.] *No licensed eligible organization shall permit its premises to be used for small games of chance by another licensed eligible organization at the same time that it is conducting small games of chance on the premises. When a licensed eligible organization is permitting another licensed eligible organization to use its premises for purposes of small games of chance, it must cease the operation of its own small games of chance during the period that the other licensed eligible organization is conducting its games on the premises.*

(8) *Raffle tickets may be sold off the licensed premise in any municipality in this Commonwealth which has adopted the provisions of this act by an affirmative vote in a municipal referendum. A licensed eligible organization which plans to sell raffle tickets in a municipality located in a county other than the county in which the eligible organization is licensed must notify that county's district attorney and licensing authority as to the location and the dates that the eligible organization plans to sell raffle tickets.*

(e) Application for license.—Each [club] *eligible organization* shall apply to the licensing authority for a license on a form to be prescribed by the Secretary of Revenue. The form shall contain an affidavit to be affirmed by the executive officer or secretary of the [club] *eligible organization* stating that:

(1) No person under 18 years of age[, or in the case of a club holding a liquor license, 21 years of age,] will be permitted by the [club] *eligible organization* to operate or play games of chance.

(2) The facility in which the games of chance are to be played has adequate means of ingress and egress and adequate sanitary facilities available in the area.

(3) The [club is the owner of the premises upon which the games of chance are played or, if it is not, that the club] *eligible organization* is not

leasing such premises from the owner thereof under an oral agreement, nor is it leasing such premises from the owner thereof under a written agreement at a rental which is determined by the amount of receipts realized from the playing of games of chance or by the number of people attending, *except that an eligible organization may lease a facility for a banquet where a per head charge is applied in connection with the serving of a meal.*

(f) List of licensees.—The licensing authority, on a semiannual basis, shall send a copy of all licensees to the Department of Revenue.

(g) *List of municipalities.—The licensing authority shall include with any license or renewal issued to an eligible organization, an up-to-date listing of those municipalities within the licensing county which have approved the referendum question on small games of chance.*

Section 11. Special permits.

(a) Issuance and fee.—The licensing authority shall issue a special permit for each raffle in which the licensee proposes to award individual prizes having a cash value in excess of \$500. The licensing authority may establish and collect a fee *not to exceed \$25* for the issuance of special permits under this section.

(b) Permit application.—Each special permit application shall specify the location where the actual drawing will be held, the number of chances to be sold, the price per chance and the cash value of the prize or prizes to be awarded.

(c) **Location.—No location or licensed premises may be used by more than one licensed club for a special permit raffle in a calendar year.**]

Section 12. Revocation of licenses.

(a) Grounds.—The licensing authority shall revoke or refuse to renew the license of any [club] *eligible organization* whenever the district attorney finds upon complaint and investigation that:

(1) Any of the funds derived from the operation of games of chance are used for any purpose other than for [legitimate club] *public interest* purposes or for the purchase of games of chance as permitted by this act.

(2) Any person under 18 years of age[, or in the case of a club holding a liquor license, a person under 21 years of age,] is operating or playing games of chance as defined in this act.

(3) The [club] *eligible organization* has permitted any person who has been convicted of a felony [or] *in a Federal or State court within the past five years or has been convicted in a Federal or State court within the past ten years of* a violation of the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, or of this act, to manage, set up, supervise or participate in the operation of games of chance.

(4) The facility in which the games of chance are played does not have adequate means of ingress and egress and does not have adequate sanitary facilities available in the area.

(5) Any person or persons other than a manager, officer, director, bar personnel or a bona fide member of [a club] *an eligible organization* have been involved in managing, setting up, operating or running games of chance.

(6) Any person has received compensation for conducting games of chance.

(7) Any prize has been awarded in excess of the limits permitted under this act.

(8) The [club] *eligible organization* has violated any condition of a special permit issued pursuant to section 11.

(9) The [club] *eligible organization* conducts the games of chance [upon premises which it does not own or lease in accordance with this act and is either:] *under a lease which calls for:*

(i) leasing such premises from the owner thereof under an oral agreement; or

(ii) leasing such premises from the owner thereof under a written agreement at a rental which is determined by the amount of receipts realized from the playing of games of chance.

(10) False or erroneous information was provided in the original application.

(11) [A club] *An eligible organization* has been convicted of a violation of this act as evidenced by a certified record of the conviction.

[(12) The club has permitted another club to use its licensed premises for the conducting of games of chance.

(13) A club has conducted more than one raffle in any calendar month.]

(12) *The eligible organization has permitted another eligible organization to conduct small games of chance on its licensed premises ~~without suspending its own operation of small games of chance during the period that the other licensed eligible organization is conducting its games on the premises.~~*

(b) Production of records.—The district attorney may require licensees to produce their books, accounts and records relating to the conduct of games of chance in order to determine whether a license should be revoked or renewal thereof denied. Licensees shall also be required to produce their license, books, accounts and records relating to the conduct of games of chance to other law enforcement officials upon proper request.

Section 14. Local option.

(d) Applicability.—This act applies only to those [clubs] *eligible organizations* located in municipalities which have adopted the provisions of this act by an affirmative vote in a municipal referendum in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 15. Advertising.

It shall be unlawful for any [club] *eligible organization* or person to advertise the prizes or their dollar value to be awarded in games of chance, provided that prizes may be identified on raffle tickets. *Notwithstanding the prohibition of advertising contained within this section, an eligible organization may advertise prizes and values thereof in periodic publications which are limited in their circulation to members of the eligible organization.*

Section 17. Penalties.

(a) **[Summary offense.—Any club] Eligible organizations.**—*Any eligible organization* violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and shall *for a first offense*, forfeit **[any] the license to conduct games of chance** issued to the **[club, and it shall be ineligible for a license renewal for 30 months thereafter.] eligible organization for the remainder of the licensing period or six months, whichever is longer, for a second offense, forfeit the license issued to the eligible organization for the remainder of the current licensing period and be ineligible to be licensed for the following licensing period, for a third or subsequent offense, forfeit the license issued to the eligible organization and be ineligible for a license renewal for 30 months thereafter.**

(b) **[Misdemeanor] Individuals.**—Any person who conducts or assists in the conducting of games of chance in violation of the provisions of this act is guilty of a **[misdemeanor of the first degree.] summary offense for a first violation. A second violation of this act shall be punishable as a misdemeanor of the third degree. A third or subsequent violation shall be punishable as a misdemeanor of the first degree.**

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Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of December, A. D. 1990.

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