
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6533

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Oke, Bauer, Sutherland and Hochstatter; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

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1 AN ACT Relating to auctions and raffles authorized by the fish and
2 wildlife commission; amending RCW 9.46.010 and 77.32.090; adding a new
3 section to chapter 77.08 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 77.12
4 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.010 and 1994 c 218 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The public policy of the state of Washington on gambling is to keep
9 the criminal element out of gambling and to promote the social welfare
10 of the people by limiting the nature and scope of gambling activities
11 and by strict regulation and control.

12 It is hereby declared to be the policy of the legislature,
13 recognizing the close relationship between professional gambling and
14 organized crime, to restrain all persons from seeking profit from
15 professional gambling activities in this state; to restrain all persons
16 from patronizing such professional gambling activities; to safeguard
17 the public against the evils induced by common gamblers and common
18 gambling houses engaged in professional gambling; and at the same time,
19 both to preserve the freedom of the press and to avoid restricting

1 participation by individuals in activities and social pastimes, which
2 activities and social pastimes are more for amusement rather than for
3 profit, do not maliciously affect the public, and do not breach the
4 peace.

5 The legislature further declares that the raising of funds for the
6 promotion of bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations is in the
7 public interest as is participation in such activities and social
8 pastimes as are hereinafter in this chapter authorized.

9 The legislature further declares that the conducting of bingo,
10 raffles, and amusement games and the operation of punch boards, pull-
11 tabs, card games and other social pastimes, when conducted pursuant to
12 the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted
13 pursuant thereto, are hereby authorized, as are only such lotteries for
14 which no valuable consideration has been paid or agreed to be paid as
15 hereinafter in this chapter provided.

16 The legislature further declares that fishing derbies shall not
17 constitute any form of gambling and shall not be considered as a
18 lottery, a raffle, or an amusement game and shall not be subject to the
19 provisions of this chapter or any rules and regulations adopted
20 hereunder.

21 The legislature further declares that raffles authorized by the
22 fish and wildlife commission involving hunting big game animals or wild
23 turkeys shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter or any
24 rules and regulations adopted hereunder.

25 All factors incident to the activities authorized in this chapter
26 shall be closely controlled, and the provisions of this chapter shall
27 be liberally construed to achieve such end.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 77.08 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 "Raffle," as used in this title, means an activity in which tickets
31 bearing an individual number are sold for not more than twenty-five
32 dollars each and in which a permit or permits are awarded to hunt or
33 for access to hunt big game animals or wild turkeys on the basis of a
34 drawing from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the
35 raffle.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
37 to read as follows:

1 If a private entity has a private lands wildlife management area
2 agreement in effect with the department, the commission may authorize
3 the private entity to conduct raffles for access to hunt for big game
4 animals and wild turkeys to meet the conditions of the agreement. The
5 private entity shall comply with all applicable rules adopted by the
6 commission for the implementation of raffles. The director shall
7 establish the procedures for the hunts, which shall require any
8 participants to obtain any required license, permit, or tag.
9 Representatives of the department may participate in the hunt upon the
10 request of the commission to ensure that the animals to be killed are
11 properly identified.

12 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.090 and 1995 c 116 s 4 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 The director may adopt rules pertaining to the form, period of
15 validity, use, possession, and display of licenses, permits, tags, and
16 stamps required by this chapter and raffle tickets authorized under
17 chapter 77.12 RCW.

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