

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 1053

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning raffle ticket prices.

Sponsors: Representatives Moeller, Williams, Conway, Wood, Chase and Hunt.

House Committee on Commerce & Labor
Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection

Background:

Washington's Gambling Act authorizes charitable and nonprofit organizations to conduct raffles to raise funds for the organizations' stated purposes. The organization must be organized for one of the purposes specified in statute, which include agricultural, charitable, educational, political, fraternal, and athletic purposes, and must meet other requirements. The Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) regulates raffles.

A raffle may be conducted as a licensed or unlicensed raffle. A license is required: (1) if the gross revenue from all gambling fundraising conducted by the organization is more than \$5,000 per year; (2) if tickets are sold by someone other than a member of the organization; (3) if tickets are sold at a discount; (4) if firearms are awarded as prizes; and (5) in certain other cases. By rule, if the retail value of a prize is \$40,000 or more, or the total value of raffle prizes offered in a year exceeds \$80,000, Commission approval is required in addition to a license.

The maximum price of a raffle ticket is \$25.

Summary:

The maximum price of a raffle ticket is raised from \$25 to \$100.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	93	1
Senate	43	3

Effective: July 26, 2009

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