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1 AN ACT Relating to fund raising events; and amending RCW 9.46.0233.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0233 and 1987 c 4 s 24 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) "Fund raising event," as used in this chapter, means a fund
6 raising event conducted during any seventy-two consecutive hours but
7 exceeding twenty-four consecutive hours and not more than once in any
8 calendar year or a fund raising event conducted not more than ((twice))
9 four times each calendar year for not more than twenty-four consecutive
10 hours each time by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as
11 defined in RCW 9.46.0209 other than any agricultural fair referred to
12 thereunder, upon authorization therefor by the commission, which the
13 legislature hereby authorizes to issue a license therefor, with or
14 without fee, permitting the following activities, or any of them,
15 during such event: Bingo, amusement games, contests of chance,
16 lotteries and raffles: PROVIDED, That (a) gross wagers and bets
17 received by the organization less the amount of money paid by the
18 organization as winnings and for the purchase cost of prizes given as
19 winnings do not exceed ten thousand dollars during the total calendar

1 days of such fund raising event in the calendar year; (b) such
2 activities shall not include any mechanical gambling or lottery device
3 activated by the insertion of a coin or by the insertion of any object
4 purchased by any person taking a chance by gambling in respect to the
5 device; (c) only bona fide members of the organization who are not paid
6 for such service shall participate in the management or operation of
7 the activities, and all income therefrom, after deducting the cost of
8 prizes and other expenses, shall be devoted solely to the lawful
9 purposes of the organization; and (d) such organization shall notify
10 the appropriate local law enforcement agency of the time and place
11 where such activities shall be conducted. The commission shall require
12 an annual information report setting forth in detail the expenses
13 incurred and the revenue received relative to the activities permitted.

14 (2) Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations holding a
15 license to conduct a fund raising event may join together to jointly
16 conduct a fund raising event if:

17 (a) Approval to do so is received from the commission; and

18 (b) The method of dividing the income and expenditures and the
19 method of recording and handling of funds are disclosed to the
20 commission in the application for approval of the joint fund raising
21 event and are approved by the commission.

22 The gross wagers and bets received by the organizations less the
23 amount of money paid by the organizations as winnings and for the
24 purchase costs of prizes given as winnings may not exceed ten thousand
25 dollars during the total calendar days of such event. The net receipts
26 each organization receives shall count against the organization's
27 annual limit stated in this subsection.

28 A joint fund raising event shall count against only the lead
29 organization or organizations receiving fifty percent or more of the
30 net receipts for the purposes of the number of such events an
31 organization may conduct each year.

32 The commission may issue a joint license for a joint fund raising
33 event and charge a license fee for such license according to a schedule
34 of fees adopted by the commission which reflects the added cost to the
35 commission of licensing more than one licensee for the event.

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