
SENATE BILL 5595

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By Senator Mullet

1 AN ACT Relating to exempting certain charitable or nonprofit
2 organizations from obtaining a gambling license; and amending RCW
3 9.46.0321.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0321 and 1987 c 4 s 28 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations
8 organized primarily for purposes other than the conduct of such
9 activities are hereby authorized to conduct bingo, raffles, and
10 amusement games, without obtaining a license to do so from the
11 commission but only when:

12 (1) Such activities are held in accordance with all other
13 requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the
14 commission;

15 (2) Said activities are, alone or in any combination, conducted
16 no more than twice each calendar year and over a period of no more
17 than twelve consecutive days each time, notwithstanding the
18 limitations of RCW 9.46.0205: PROVIDED, That a raffle conducted under
19 this subsection may be conducted for a period longer than twelve
20 days;

1 (3) Only bona fide members of that organization, who are not paid
2 for such services, participate in the management or operation of the
3 activities;

4 (4) Gross revenues to the organization from all the activities
5 together do not exceed five thousand dollars during any calendar
6 year;

7 (5) All revenue therefrom, after deducting the cost of prizes and
8 other expenses of the activity, is devoted solely to the purposes for
9 which the organization qualifies as a bona fide charitable or
10 nonprofit organization;

11 (6) The organization gives notice at least five days in advance
12 of the conduct of any of the activities to the local police agency of
13 the jurisdiction within which the activities are to be conducted of
14 the organization's intent to conduct the activities, the location of
15 the activities, and the date or dates they will be conducted; and

16 (7) The organization conducting the activities maintains records
17 for a period of one year from the date of the event which accurately
18 show at a minimum the gross revenue from each activity, details of
19 the expenses of conducting the activities, and details of the uses to
20 which the gross revenue therefrom is put.

21 Subsections (2) and (4) of this section do not apply to
22 organizations whose net revenues, after deducting the cost of prizes
23 and other expenses of the activities, from all the activities
24 together do not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars during any
25 calendar year.

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