**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 33‑57‑120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED AS TAX‑EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501(c)(5) TO CONDUCT A RAFFLE AND TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS RAISED BY THE RAFFLE TO PURCHASE ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 33‑57‑140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR RAFFLES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF INDIVIDUAL PRIZE AND TOTAL PRIZE LIMITS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 33‑57‑200 RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 57, TITLE 33.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 33‑57‑120(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) A nonprofit organization is qualified to conduct raffles in accordance with the provisions of this chapter if the nonprofit organization:

(1) is recognized by the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the United States Internal Revenue Service as exempt from federal and state income taxation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), 501(c)(19), or 501(d), or is a class, department, or organization of an educational institution, as defined in Chapter 56, Title 33;

(2) is organized and operated for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition ~~(but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment)~~, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals; and

(3) is registered with the Secretary pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 56, Title 33, unless it is exempt from or not required to follow the registration requirements of Chapter 56, Title 33, or is a governmental unit or educational institution of this State.”

SECTION 2. Section 33‑57‑140(L) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(L) An individual prize awarded to each winner in a raffle shall not exceed a maximum fair market value of ~~forty~~ eighty thousand dollars. No real property shall be offered as a prize in a raffle. For each raffle event, the total fair market value of all prizes offered by any nonprofit organization shall not exceed ~~two~~ three hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars.”

SECTION 3. Section 33‑57‑200 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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