

§1721. Raffles

A. Organizations conducting raffles must first obtain a gaming license as required by R.S. 33:4861.1.

1. Applications for a gaming license to hold a raffle shall include the following information:

- a. date of raffle;
- b. location of drawing or determination of winner;
- c. prize(s) to be given and their value (See §1727);
- d. cost of tickets or chances to participants.

2. The following information pertaining to each raffle held shall be maintained by licensee and retained for a period of three years:

- a. number of tickets or chances sold;
- b. number of tickets or chances printed or available;
- c. name of person drawing winning ticket(s) or determining winner(s);
- d. prizes given and their value (See §1727);
- e. name, address and date of birth of winner(s).

3. No raffles shall be so conducted where the winner must be present during a drawing to win, unless so stated on the ticket.

4. Merchandise for a raffle must be purchased or obtained by donation prior to the sale of any chances. Where the prize to be awarded is cash in excess of \$1,000, the organization shall furnish the division with proof of liquid assets equal to or greater than the value of the prize.

5. The sponsoring organization shall take such steps as are necessary under the circumstances to insure that each ticket purchaser has a chance to be selected as the prize winner and that the prize winner is selected in an entirely random manner.

B. Exemptions from Raffle Licensing Requirements

1. A license and payment of a fee to conduct charitable gaming shall not be required of an organization to conduct a raffle if the organization is one which:

- a. would qualify under Louisiana law to conduct charitable gaming;
- b. all net proceeds are dedicated to purposes allowable under the charitable gaming law;
- c. the games are conducted within a parish or municipality which allows charitable gaming under the provisions of R.S. 33:4861.3;
- d. the cost of a ticket which makes the purchaser eligible to win any prizes is not greater than \$1;

e. the raffle is not conducted at a time and place other games of chance allowed under the act are being conducted;

f. the total number of tickets sold or available for sale does not exceed \$3,000;

i. the total value of all prizes to be awarded does not exceed \$2,000, and the prizes or merchandise have either been donated or purchased prior to the sale of any chances thereon and that the organization conducts no such raffle or other game of chance more often than twice any calendar year or

ii. the raffle is a door prize raffle available only to members or bona fide guests present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the organization that is not conducted more than once a month and the value of the prize does not exceed \$100 or one half of the value of the tickets sold at the drawing whichever is lesser.

2. All organizations conducting such raffles exempt from licensing requirements must maintain records for a period of one year from the date of the raffle which accurately show at a minimum, the gross revenue from each activity, details of the expenses of conducting the activity, and details of the uses to which the net proceeds are used. Such records shall be available for inspection by the division upon request.

3. All organizations conducting raffles exempt from licensing requirements, shall give the division written notice at least 15 days prior to any such activity, stating the organization's intention to conduct a raffle, date and location of drawing, prizes to be given, cost of tickets and the number of tickets printed.

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