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A Bill

SENATE BILL 217

5 By: Senators J. Boyd, M. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARITABLE BINGO AND RAFFLES
10 ENABLING ACT; TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC RAFFLES; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE CHARITABLE BINGO AND RAFFLES
16 ENABLING ACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC
17 RAFFLES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-114-102(16), concerning the definition
23 of "raffles" under the Charitable Bingo and Raffles Enabling Act, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 (16)(A) "Raffle" means the selling of tickets to win a prize
26 awarded through a random drawing.

27 (B) ~~"Raffle"~~ Except as provided in § 23-114-401(b)(2)(C),
28 "raffle" does not include any game played through the use of a machine or
29 electronic device; and
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-114-103(c), concerning general
32 provisions related to games of bingo or raffles allowed through electronic
33 devices or machines, is amended to read as follows:

34 (c) ~~The provisions of this chapter are not intended and shall not be~~
35 ~~construed to~~ Except as provided in § 23-114-401(b)(2)(C), this chapter does
36 not allow the play of games of bingo or raffles through any electronic device



1 or machine.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-114-202(c), concerning bingo faces and
4 raffle tickets, is amended to read as follows:

5 (c)~~(1)~~ All Except as provided in § 23-114-401(b)(2)(C):

6 (1) All bingo faces and raffle tickets shall be preprinted on
7 paper or plastic; and

8 (2) Electronic devices, machines, or facsimiles shall not be
9 used as bingo faces, raffle tickets, or otherwise, by participants of games
10 of bingo or raffles conducted under this chapter.

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12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 23-114-401(b)(2) and (3), concerning how
13 raffle tickets are sold, is amended to read as follows:

14 (2) Raffle tickets may be sold:

15 (A) At the authorized premises of the licensed authorized
16 organization; ~~and~~

17 (B) Off the authorized premises of the licensed authorized
18 organization if the tickets are sold by uncompensated volunteers of the
19 licensed authorized organization; and

20 (C) Through the mail, internet, email, fax, telephone, or
21 any other electronic means by the licensed authorized organization or by
22 uncompensated volunteers of the licensed authorized organization.

23 ~~(3) No raffle ticket shall be sold through the mail or through~~
24 ~~the Internet, email, fax, telephone, or any other electronic means.~~

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