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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 18, 2018

**S. 812**

Introduced by Senator Hembree

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**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 812) to amend Section 33‑57‑120, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to raffles conducted by nonprofit organizations for charitable purposes, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

F. GREGORY DELLENEY, JR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 33‑57‑120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF NONCASH PRIZES ALLOWED FOR THESE RAFFLES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 33‑57‑140, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR THESE RAFFLES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE PRICE OF A RAFFLE TICKET PRODUCED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33‑57‑120(B) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 11 of 2013, is amended to read:

“(B)(1) The requirement to register with the Secretary for the purpose of operating raffles for charitable purposes shall apply to any and all nonprofit organizations that intend to operate a raffle in this State, including those organizations that are exempt from or not required to follow the requirements for solicitation of charitable funds pursuant to Chapter 56, Title 33.

(2) An exemption from registration for the purpose of operating raffles is authorized for:

(a) raffles operated by a nonprofit organization for charitable purposes, where a noncash prize is donated for the nonprofit raffle and the total value of the prize or prizes offered for a raffle event is not more than ~~five~~ nine hundred fifty dollars; and

(b) fifty‑fifty raffles where the tickets are sold to members or guests of a nonprofit organization, and not to the general public, and the total value of proceeds collected is not more than nine hundred fifty dollars.

(3) An organization operating a raffle that is within an exemption authorized by the provisions of item (2) shall not operate more than one raffle every seven calendar days.”

SECTION 2. Section 33‑57‑140(M) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 11 of 2013, is amended to read:

“(M) The purchase price for a raffle ticket may not exceed ~~one~~ three hundred dollars.”

SECTION 3. Article 24, Chapter 21, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 12-21-3925. A volunteer who assists a house in operating bingo games is not an agent, promoter, or representative of the house and may participate in a bingo game at the house in which he volunteers except on days he has volunteered.”

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

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