

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1194

Introduced by

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Senator Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 53-06.1-01 and subsection 1 of
2 section 53-06.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to raffles conducted by certain
3 organizations.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 53-06.1-01 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 7. "Eligible organization" means a veterans, charitable, educational, religious,
8 fraternal, civic and service, public safety, or public-spirited organization domiciled
9 in North Dakota or authorized by the secretary of state as a foreign corporation
10 under chapter 10-33, incorporated as a nonprofit organization, and which has been
11 regularly and actively fulfilling its primary purpose within this state during the two
12 immediately preceding years. However, an educational organization does not
13 need to be incorporated or be in existence for two years. An organization's primary
14 purpose may not involve the conduct of games. The organization may be issued a
15 license by the attorney general.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-03 of the North Dakota
17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18 1. Except as authorized by the attorney general, an organization that has its license
19 suspended or revoked, or has relinquished or not renewed its license and not
20 disbursed its net proceeds, is ineligible for a license or permit. Only one of two or
21 more closely related organizations may have a license or permit at one time. A
22 college or university fraternity, sorority, or club is not closely related to an
23 educational organization. An organization shall apply for a permit as follows:

- 1 a. An organization recognized as a public-spirited organization by the governing
2 body of a city or county may apply for a local permit to conduct only raffles,
3 bingo, or sports pools, or a charity local permit to conduct only raffles, bingo,
4 sports pools, paddlewheels, twenty-one, and poker. The organization or
5 closely related organizations as a whole may only award a primary prize that
6 does not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars and total prizes of all
7 games that do not exceed twelve thousand dollars per year. These maximum
8 prize amounts do not apply to raffles conducted by organizations authorized
9 under title 20.1. The determination of what is a "public-spirited organization" is
10 within the sole discretion of the governing body. An organization shall
11 disclose on the application its intended use of the net income from the gaming
12 activity. A governing body may issue a permit for games to be held at
13 designated times and places.
- 14 b. An organization shall apply to the governing body of the city or county in
15 which the proposed site is located. Application must be made on a form
16 prescribed by the attorney general. Approval may be granted at the discretion
17 of the governing body. A governing body may establish a fee not to exceed
18 twenty-five dollars for each permit. A permit must be on a fiscal year basis
19 from July first to June thirtieth or on a calendar-year basis.
- 20 c. Except for the restriction of subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-11.1, an
21 organization that has a local permit may use the net income from the gaming
22 activity for any purpose that does not violate this chapter or gaming rules.
- 23 d. An organization that has a charity local permit is restricted to one event per
24 year and:
- 25 (1) May not pay remuneration to employees for personal services;
26 (2) Shall use chips as wagers;
27 (3) Shall redeem a player's chips for merchandise prizes or cash;
28 (4) Shall disburse net income to eligible uses referenced by subsection 2 of
29 section 53-06.1-11.1; and
30 (5) Shall file a report prescribed by the attorney general with the governing
31 body and attorney general.