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## Senate Finance and Taxation Senate Bill No. 2126 Relating to the Sale of Raffle Board Squares January 16, 2023, Fort Totten Room

During the 2019 session the requirement of a permitted organization to have a state gaming stamp on a raffle board was removed from statute. This was to make it less expensive and easier for a permitted organization to conduct a raffle board. This requirement was removed since it was determined that since the squares on the raffle board were sold and the drawing held onsite at the event then just having the site authorization was enough to regulate that the games of chance being conducted were approved.

Should you accept this activity the Office of Attorney General would respectively request that an amendment be made to require a state gaming stamp once again on raffle boards for the permitted organizations to ensure citizens when purchasing a square on the raffle board that the game has been authorized by the state and local governing body.

A licensed distributor shall affix a North Dakota gaming stamp to each deal of pull tabs, raffle board, punchboard, sports pool board, calcutta board, and series of paddlewheel ticket cards sold or otherwise provided to a licensed organization or organization that has a permit and shall purchase the stamps from the attorney general for thirty-five cents each. Ten cents of each stamp sold by the attorney general, up to thirty-six thousand.

North Dakota laws and rules allow several variations on the conduct of a raffle.

Raffle ticket sales — where a player may purchase a raffle ticket for a drawing to be held at a future date. It is a two part ticket where the stub to be placed in a receptacle has pertinent information on the player so that the player can be contacted should they win. The other part of the ticket is given to the player as a receipt of the purchase and gives the player pertinent information regarding the place and time of the raffle and prizes to be won. Last session it was also approved that licensed organizations may sell tickets online and accept electronic payment.

Calendar Raffle – is a raffle in which a player's ticket stub is entered in two or more drawings held on predetermined days over an extended period of time for predetermined prizes. The player again receives a receipt of the purchase that gives the player pertinent information regarding the raffle.

Raffle Board – is a board on which numbered squares must be sold for the same price at a site on the day of the drawing. The organization completes the board with the cost per square and prizes. For each square sold, an employee writes the player's full name on the square purchased and duplicate numbers corresponding to the numbered squares on the board must be placed into a receptacle for drawing.

Double Roll Ticket – this is a raffle where two single tickets are printed side by side on a roll with a consecutive number. Both tickets must have the same number. A double roll raffle must also be conducted on the same day of the event.

Electronic fifty-fifty raffles – can be conducted either by manual drawing or by using a random number generator. Fifty-fifty raffle tickets must be sold and drawings held onsite at the location of and on the date of the event.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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