
HOUSE BILL 2069

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By Representatives Boehnke, Sutherland, and Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing flexibility for bona fide
2 charitable or nonprofit organizations to conduct raffles; amending
3 RCW 9.46.0277; creating a new section; and providing an effective
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many service-
7 based organizations provide much needed value and service to their
8 communities, and a source of fund-raising for these organizations is
9 hampered by their inability to offer modern purchase methods. The
10 legislature also finds that due to the pandemic, people are less able
11 to participate in in-person events and gatherings. The legislature
12 also finds that due to laws that restrict a nonprofit organization's
13 ability to fund-raise using these easier methods, they are falling
14 behind. Therefore, the legislature intends to ease the restrictions
15 on selling raffle tickets for these nonprofits so they can continue
16 to provide valuable service to their communities.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.0277 and 2009 c 133 s 1 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 "Raffle," as used in this chapter, means a game in which tickets
20 bearing an individual number are sold for not more than one hundred

1 dollars each and in which a prize or prizes are awarded on the basis
2 of a drawing from the tickets by the person or persons conducting the
3 game, when the game is conducted by a bona fide charitable or
4 nonprofit organization, no person other than a bona fide member of
5 the organization takes any part in the management or operation of the
6 game, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to the benefit of any
7 person other than the organization conducting the game. If an
8 organization obtains a license from the commission, the sale of a
9 raffle ticket, pursuant to this chapter, may be made in person, by
10 mail, by fax, or by telephone. Raffle ticket order forms may be
11 printed from the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization's
12 website. A website or mobile application may not be used to
13 facilitate the sale of raffle tickets other than to obtain the raffle
14 ticket order form.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January
16 1, 2023.

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