

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 529

In Senate, March 23, 2023

### An Act to Increase the Prize Limits Allowed for Raffles

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Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 136, §8, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Raffle with a prize of ~~\$2,500~~ \$4,000 or less.** Except for raffles conducted by an  
5 eligible organization under subsection 7, a person or organization is not required to register  
6 with the Gambling Control Unit to conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize  
7 offered to the holder of the winning chance does not exceed ~~\$2,500~~ \$4,000. If the raffle is  
8 conducted in a manner in which there are multiple winning chances, the total value of all  
9 prizes offered may not exceed a value of ~~\$2,500~~ \$4,000.

10 **Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 136, §9, is  
11 further amended to read:

12 **2-A. Raffle with a prize of ~~\$10,000~~ \$15,000 or less conducted by eligible**  
13 **organization.** Except as provided in subsection 7, an eligible organization as described in  
14 section 1832, subsection 2 is not required to register with the Gambling Control Unit to  
15 conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize offered to the holder of the winning  
16 chance does not exceed ~~\$10,000~~ \$15,000. If the raffle is conducted in a manner in which  
17 there are multiple winning chances, the total value of all prizes offered may not exceed a  
18 value of ~~\$10,000~~ \$15,000.

19 **Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 129, §3, is further  
20 amended to read:

21 **4. Raffle with a noncash prize of up to ~~\$75,000~~ \$90,000 or a cash prize of up to**  
22 **~~\$20,000~~ \$25,000 conducted by eligible organization.** An eligible organization as  
23 described in section 1832, subsection 2 may register with the Gambling Control Unit to  
24 conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize or prizes awarded to the holder of a  
25 winning chance or to the holders of the winning chances does not exceed:

26 A. ~~Seventy-five~~ Ninety thousand dollars that is not in the form of cash and may not be  
27 exchanged for cash; or

28 B. ~~Twenty~~ Twenty-five thousand dollars in cash, with no more than one ~~\$10,000~~  
29 \$12,500 cash prize for the holder of a winning chance.

30 At the time of registration, the eligible organization shall state a verifiable charitable  
31 purpose that the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill increases the prize limits allowed for a raffle without having to register with  
34 the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit.