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House Bill 945
Ways and Means

(Delegates Shoemaker and Rose)

Budget and Taxation

Carroll County - Multi-Drawing Raffles

This bill increases the number of weekly drawings allowed in a multi-drawing raffle that qualified organizations in Carroll County may conduct during a year from 30 to 52. The bill also repeals the major prize limit of \$1,100 for a multi-drawing raffle.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill does not affect Carroll County's finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Carroll County Board of County Commissioners may issue a permit to conduct a carnival, bazaar, raffle, or other game of entertainment to a *bona fide* hospital; volunteer fire company; or a religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', amateur athletic, or charitable organization. No individual can benefit financially from a gaming event. Except as provided for certain games, the maximum prize awarded at a gaming event cannot exceed \$100 in value.

Raffles are classified as either single-drawing or multi-drawing, depending on whether the drawings are held over the course of one day or multiple days. A single-drawing raffle may only award one major prize. During a year, a qualifying organization can conduct either (1) six single-drawing raffles where the prize awarded is \$2,500 or more; or (2) 10 single-drawing raffles where the prize awarded is \$2,500 or less.

A qualifying organization cannot hold (1) more than 30 weekly drawings in a multi-drawing raffle; (2) more than two multi-drawing raffles during a year; or (3) a multi-drawing raffle in which the major prize is worth more than \$1,100.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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