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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1183
Ways and Means

(Carroll County Delegation)

Judicial Proceedings

Carroll County – Raffles

This bill increases the number of single-drawing raffles a qualifying organization in Carroll County can conduct during a year. Annually, 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.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would affect local government operations only.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Qualified organizations can conduct gaming events in Carroll County if they receive a permit from the county commissioners. Religious, amateur athletic, fraternal, civic, war veterans, and charitable organizations qualify as well as hospitals and volunteer fire companies. 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 hold

either one single-drawing raffle where the major prize awarded is \$2,500 or more or five single-drawing raffles where the major prize awarded is less than \$2,500. 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.

Cross File: None.

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