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PERMIT TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

*MUST BE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS A copy of RSA 287-A is provided on the next page.

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GAMES, AMUSEMENTS, AND ATHLETIC EXHIBITIONS CHAPTER 287-A RAFFLES General Provisions Section 287-A:1

287-A:1 **Definition-**as used in this chapter:

- I. 'Raffle means a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or articles put up as a prize with the winner being determined by a random drawing
- II. "Charitable organization" means the following:
 - (a) Any person or entity that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code, as that section now exists or may hereafter be amended: or
 - (b) Any other person or entity that is or holds itself out to be established, in whole or in part, for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental, conservation, civic, social, sporting, recreational, or other charitable purpose which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or political committee or political party which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. "Charitable organization" is not limited to those organizations to which contributions are tax deductable under section 170 of the IRS Code.
- III. "50-50 raffle" means a raffle conducted by a charitable organization whereby moneys collected by sale of raffle tickets are split evenly between the prize winner or winners and the charitable organization after the raffle drawing.

Source. 1971, 43:1. 1973, 270:1 eff. Aug 21 1973 1999, 306:1, eff. Sept. 14, 1999. 2000, 115:1, eff. July 7, 2000

287-A:2 Raffle Authorized- A charitable organization may conduct a raffle to promote the purpose for which it was organized, in the manner hereinafter provided, and not otherwise.

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971

287-A:3 Printed Tickets- All raffle tickets shall be printed with the name of the charitable organization thereon, the date and place of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded and the amount of the donation.

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971

287-A:4 Distribution of tickets- Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 years of age or over and no raffle ticket shall be shall by persons other than the members of the charitable organization or such person or persons, as may be designated by the organization, and who shall receive no financial remuneration

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

287-A:5 Agency Not Permitted- No charitable organization shall act as an agent for conducting a raffle, where it is unlawful for the charitable organization's principal to conduct such a raffle.

Source 1971, 43:1 eff. April 5, 1971

287-A: 6 Effect on other Laws- RSA 647 shall not apply to the sale of raffle in the manner provided for this chapter.

Source 1971, 43:1, 1973, 40:4, eff. Nov 1, 1973

287-A:7 Permit Required- Any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle under the provisions of this chapter shall first obtain a permit there for from the selectmen of the town, or the mayor and aldermen of the city where the drawing for prizes is to be held. The permit shall expire at the time of the drawing, and shall not be transferrable.

Source 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971

287-A: 8 Tickets, Distribution

- I. All raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be numbered sequentially.
- II. No tickets or multiple tickets shall be sold for more than \$1.
- III. Notwithstanding RSA 287-A:4, raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be sold only by members of a charitable organization licensed by the pari-mutual commission to conduct and only at bingo operated by the charitable organization.

Source 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985 2004, 97:8, eff. July 10, 2004, 257:9, eff. Jan 1, 2005

287-A:9 Players Raffles held in conjunction with bingo shall be held only at bingo games having a hall capacity of 300 or less as designated by the assembly permit.

Source 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985.

287-A: 10 Prizes- Prizes awarded at a raffle held in conjunction with a bingo game shall not exceed \$500 wholesale cost.

Source. 1985, 374:1, 1991, 276:3, eff. June 10, 1991.

287-A: 11 Permit not Required- The provisions of RSA 287-A: 7 shall not apply to raffle held in conjunction with bingo games. Source 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985