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Introduced by Sen. MAZIARZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to restrictions upon games of chance

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 5 and 8 of section 189 of the general municipal law, subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 337 of the laws of 1998 and  
2     subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 302 of the laws of 2010, are amended  
3     to read as follows:  
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5     5. No single prize awarded by games of chance other than raffle shall  
6     exceed the sum or value of three hundred dollars, except that for  
7     merchandise wheels, no single prize shall exceed the sum or value of two  
8     hundred fifty dollars. No single prize awarded by raffle shall exceed  
9     the sum or value of [fifty] ONE HUNDRED thousand dollars[, except that  
10    an authorized organization may award by raffle a single prize having a  
11    value of up to and including one hundred thousand dollars if its application for a license filed pursuant to section one hundred ninety of  
12    this article includes a statement of its intent to award a prize having  
13    such value]. No single wager shall exceed six dollars and for bell  
14    jars, coin boards, or merchandise boards, no single prize shall exceed  
15    five hundred dollars provided, however, that such limitation shall not  
16    apply to the amount of money or value paid by the participant in a  
17    raffle in return for a ticket or other receipt. For coin boards and  
18    merchandise boards, the value of a prize shall be determined by its  
19    costs to the authorized organization or, if donated, its fair market  
20    value.  
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22    8. Except for merchandise wheels and raffles, no series of prizes on  
23    any one occasion shall aggregate more than four hundred dollars when the  
24    licensed authorized organization conducts five single types of games of  
25    chance during any one license period. Except for merchandise wheels,  
26    raffles and bell jars, no series of prizes on any one occasion shall  
27    aggregate more than five hundred dollars when the licensed authorized

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 organization conducts less than five single types of games of chance,  
2 exclusive of merchandise wheels, raffles and bell jars, during any one  
3 license period. No authorized organization shall award by raffle prizes  
4 with an aggregate value in excess of [five hundred thousand] TWO MILLION  
5 dollars during any one license period.

6 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.