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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to electronic bell jar games; to amend a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, in relation to the legislative finding and purpose and the effectiveness thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings and purpose. 1. The legislature hereby finds that:

(a) bell jar games are a popular and profitable fundraising mechanism for bona fide not-for-profit organizations across the state, generating millions of dollars in net revenues for charitable purposes every year;

(b) [~~authorized~~] organizations that offer bell jars and other games of chance must meet strict standards established by the New York state general municipal law and the New York state gaming commission, including receiving a license to conduct charitable gaming activities; and

(c) while other types of gaming in New York state have continued to expand and improve, the operation of charitable gaming activities has largely remained the same over the last several decades.

2. (a) For the aforementioned reasons, the legislature hereby declares that [~~authorized~~] **veteran** organizations **and volunteer fire companies** licensed [~~by the New York state gaming commission~~] to conduct charitable gaming would greatly benefit from the ability to operate electronic bell jar vending machines, which display and dispense pre-printed bell jar tickets that have predetermined winners and predetermined values for prizes, in order to help increase charitable gaming profits across the state and attract more members to join such organizations; and

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

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(b) Provided further, the legislature also declares that this legislation includes appropriate safeguards to ensure that electronic bell jar vending machines remain a limited and controlled fundraising tool, distinct from video lottery terminals or slot machines in design and function. The machines authorized herein may only be operated by licensed [~~and authorized~~] veteran organizations and volunteer fire companies, are limited pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 6 of section 195-c of the general municipal law in order to prohibit casino-like gaming parlors, and are [~~primarily~~] solely for use by members of such [~~authorized~~] veteran organizations and volunteer fire companies.

§ 2. Subdivision 3-a of section 186 of the general municipal law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended and four new subdivisions 2-a, 22, 23, and 24 are added to read as follows:

2-a. "Commission" means the New York state gaming commission.

3-a. "Bell jars" shall mean and include those games in which a participant shall draw a card from a jar, vending machine, including an electronic bell jar vending machine, or other suitable device or container which contains numbers, colors or symbols that are covered and which, when uncovered, may reveal that a prize shall be awarded on the basis of a designated winning number, color or symbol or combination of numbers, colors or symbols. Bell jars shall also include seal cards, coin boards, event games, and merchandise boards. [~~An electronic bell jar vending machine shall track the sales of tickets and any other information as required by the commission and report such sales and other information to the commission, use electronic features to display and dispense pre-printed bell jar tickets, and may include audio and video features to display information about a ticket being dispensed, provided that such features shall not affect the outcome of the game.~~]

22. "Gaming facility" means any commercial casino licensed pursuant to article thirteen of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, or a video lottery gaming facility operating pursuant to article thirty-four of the tax law. Locations of such facilities shall be those identified by the commission.

23. "Veteran organization" means a members-only organization comprising veterans and their family members, where the organization's focus is on the support of and advocacy for veterans and military service members and that is licensed to operate bell jar games as of November thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five and shall not include any auxiliary organizations.

24. "Volunteer fire company" shall mean a fire company as defined in subdivision two of section three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, and whose members provide firefighting services on a volunteer basis.

§ 3. Subdivision 9 of section 188-a of the general municipal law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended to read as follows:

9. (a) The commission shall have the power to approve and establish a standard set of games of chance equipment and shall by its rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which such equipment is to be reproduced and distributed to licensed authorized organizations. The sale or distribution to a licensed authorized organization of any equipment other than that contained in the standard set of games of chance equipment shall constitute a violation of this section.

(b) [~~After the effective date of this paragraph, no~~] **No** electronic bell jar vending machine shall be sold, leased, distributed, installed, or operated by any manufacturer, distributor, or charitable organization until such machine has been approved by the commission. No electronic bell jar vending machine shall be approved by the commission unless the operation of the game demonstrates that there is a finite probability basis of having a predetermined quantity of chances among which there is a predetermined quantity of winners that pay a fixed and predetermined value of prizes, regardless of the symbols that are used or how those symbols are displayed on pre-printed bell jar tickets.

(c) The commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as [~~may be~~] **the commission deems** necessary for the approval and implementation of electronic bell jar vending machine gaming. The commission may revoke, suspend, or condition approval of an electronic bell jar vending machine. [~~Upon request for authorization, the commission shall approve or deny such request within thirty days.~~] If the commission denies such request for approval, it shall provide the reasons for such determination.

§ 4. Subdivision 3 of section 189 of the general municipal law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended to read as follows:

3. No authorized organization licensed under the provisions of this article shall purchase, lease, or receive any supplies or equipment specifically designed or adapted for use in the conduct of games of chance from other than a supplier licensed by the commission or from another authorized organization. Lease terms and conditions shall be subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the commission. The provisions of this article shall not be construed to authorize or permit an authorized organization to engage in the business of leasing games of chance, supplies, or equipment. Furthermore, no organization shall purchase bell jar tickets or deals of bell jar tickets, or purchase [~~or~~]**,** lease **or utilize** any electronic bell jar vending machine, from any other person or organization other than those specifically authorized under sections one hundred ninety-five-n and one hundred ninety-five-o of this article.

§ 5. The opening paragraph of section 189-a of the general municipal law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended to read as follows:

No person, firm, partnership, corporation or organization, shall sell or distribute supplies or equipment specifically designed or adapted for use in conduct of games of chance without having first obtained a license therefor upon written application made, verified and filed with the commission in the form prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission. As a part of its determination concerning the applicant's suitability for licensing as a games of chance supplier, the commission shall require the applicant to furnish to the commission two sets of fingerprints. Such fingerprints shall be submitted to the division of criminal justice services for a state criminal history record check, as defined in subdivision one of section three thousand thirty-five of the education law, and may be submitted to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check. Manufacturers of bell jar tickets shall be considered suppliers of such equipment. In each such application for a license under this section shall be stat-

ed the name and address of the applicant; the names and addresses of its officers, directors, shareholders or partners; the amount of gross receipts realized on the sale and rental of games of chance supplies and equipment to duly licensed authorized organizations during the last preceding calendar or fiscal year, and such other information as shall be prescribed by such rules and regulations. The fee for such license shall be a sum equal to twenty-five dollars plus an amount equal to two per centum of the gross sales and rentals, if any, of games of chance equipment and supplies to authorized organizations or authorized games of chance lessors by the applicant during the preceding calendar year, or fiscal year if the applicant maintains their accounts on a fiscal year basis; provided, however, that for manufacturers of electronic bell jar vending machines, the fee for such license shall be **an additional** one thousand dollars. No license granted pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be effective for a period of more than one year.

§ 6. Section 195-c of the general municipal law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended to read as follows:

§ 195-c. Persons operating games; equipment; expenses; compensation. 1. No person shall operate any game of chance under any license issued under this article except a bona fide member of the authorized organization to which the license is issued, or a bona fide member of an organization or association which is an auxiliary to the licensee or a bona fide member of an organization or association of which such licensee is an auxiliary or a bona fide member of an organization or association which is affiliated with the licensee by being, with it, auxiliary to another organization or association. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the number of games of chance licensees for whom such persons may operate games of chance nor to prevent non-members from assisting the licensee in any activity other than managing or operating games. No game of chance shall be conducted with any equipment except such as shall be owned or leased by the authorized organization so licensed or used without payment of any compensation therefor by the licensee. However, in no event shall bell jar tickets be transferred from one authorized organization to another, with or without payment of any compensation thereof. The head or heads of the authorized organization shall upon request certify, under oath, that the persons operating any game of chance are bona fide members of such authorized organization, auxiliary or affiliated organization. Upon request by an officer or the department any such person involved in such games of chance shall certify that they have no criminal record. No items of expense shall be incurred or paid in connection with the conducting of any game of chance pursuant to any license issued under this article except those that are reasonable and are necessarily expended for games of chance supplies and equipment, prizes, security personnel, stated rental if any, bookkeeping or accounting services according to a schedule of compensation prescribed by the commission, janitorial services and utility supplies if any, and license fees, and the cost of bus transportation, if authorized by such clerk or department. No commission, salary, compensation, reward or recompense shall be paid or given to any person for the sale or assisting with the sale of raffle tickets.

2. For the purpose of the sale of tickets for the game of raffle, the term "operate" shall not include the sale of such tickets by persons of lineal or collateral consanguinity to members of an authorized organization licensed to conduct a raffle.

3. Each electronic bell jar vending machine that has been approved by the commission pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision nine of section one hundred eighty-eight-a of this article shall do the following:

(a) read a barcode or similar form of encryption or marking on the pre-printed bell jar ticket;

(b) reveal results;

(c) verify if a bell jar ticket is redeemable for a prize;

(d) electronically aggregate winning prizes for continued play;

(e) produce a voucher for prize redemption or proof of purchase;

(f) track the sales of tickets and any other information as required by the commission and report such sales and other information to the commission;

(g) prohibit spinning reels or other representations or audiovisual features that mimic a video lottery terminal or slot machine;

(h) prohibit any electronic user interface that mimics a video slot machine;

(i) prohibit free plays, bonus games, multipliers, jackpots; provided, however, that for purposes of this paragraph, the prohibition on "jackpots" shall not include prizes that may be won on the bell jar ticket itself, subject to limitations set forth in regulations promulgated by the commission, discounts, promotions, special offers, or similar incentives to initiate or prolong player engagement;

(j) prohibit any feature that simulates skill or allows player input to influence the outcome of a predetermined result;

(k) prohibit the display of near-miss outcomes that may mislead a player into believing a win was narrowly missed; [~~and~~]

(l) **track the sales of tickets and any other information as required by the commission and report such sales and other information to the commission;**

(m) use electronic features to display and dispense pre-printed bell jar tickets; and

(n) limit the speed of play to prevent rapid successive wagering as required by regulations promulgated by the commission.

3-a. Each electronic bell jar vending machine that has been approved by the commission pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision nine of section one hundred eighty-eight-a of this article may include audio and video features to display information about a ticket being dispensed, provided that such features shall not affect the outcome of the game.

4. The following information shall be displayed by each electronic bell jar vending machine:

(a) the total number of tickets in each deal;

(b) the price of each ticket;

(c) the number and amount of prizes in each deal;

(d) the number of winners per ticket and its respective winning numbers or symbols;

(e) the name of the game;

(f) the name or logo of the manufacturer of the tickets and the electronic bell jar vending machine;

(g) the compulsive gambling hotline telephone number for the state of New York; and

(h) notification that only individuals eighteen years of age or older may use an electronic bell jar vending machine.

5. If a voucher is produced by an electronic bell jar vending machine for prize redemption, the following information shall appear on such voucher:

(a) the aggregate prize amount payable to the player;

(b) the device number or other identification method for the vending machine that produced such voucher;
(c) the date and time that such voucher was printed;
(d) the sequential number or other identification method of such voucher;
(e) an identification number, barcode or similar form of encryption that may be used to validate the prize amount payable to the player; and
(f) the period of time during which unused tickets or prize amounts must be claimed.
6. (a) [~~For the purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:~~
~~(i) "Active local member" shall mean an individual who participates in the activities of an authorized organization and resides within the county where the authorized organization is located or an adjoining county, as defined by rules promulgated by the commission.~~
~~(ii) "Existing authorized organization" shall mean an authorized organization that was licensed to conduct games of chance prior to the effective date of this subdivision.~~
~~(iii) "New authorized organization" shall mean an authorized organization that is first licensed to conduct games of chance on or after the effective date of this subdivision.~~
~~(iv) "Gaming facility" shall mean any commercial casino, video lottery terminal facility, or tribal gaming facility operating pursuant to state or federal law. Locations of such facilities shall be those identified by the commission.~~
~~(b)~~] The maximum number of electronic bell jar vending machines that [~~an existing authorized~~] **a veteran** organization **or volunteer fire company** may operate shall be determined [~~based upon the number of its active local members, as follows:~~
~~(i) An existing authorized organization with fewer than fifty active local members may operate a maximum number of one electronic bell jar vending machine;~~
~~(ii) An existing authorized organization with fifty or more but fewer than one hundred active local members may operate a maximum of two electronic bell jar vending machines;~~
~~(iii) An existing authorized organization with one hundred or more active local members but fewer than two hundred active local members may operate a maximum of three electronic bell jar vending machines;~~
~~(iv) An existing authorized organization with two hundred or more but fewer than three hundred active local members may operate a maximum of four electronic bell jar vending machines; and~~
~~(v) An existing authorized organization with three hundred or more active local members may operate a maximum of five electronic bell jar vending machines.~~
~~(c) A new authorized organization may operate a maximum of one electronic bell jar vending machine.~~
~~(d) (i) For any authorized organization at a premises located within fifteen miles of any gaming facility, the maximum number of electronic bell jar vending machines that may be operated shall be one, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision; provided however, that this limitation shall not apply to gaming facilities located within cities with a population of one million or more as of the latest federal decennial census.~~
~~(ii) For any authorized organization at a premises located more than fifteen miles but not more than twenty-five miles from any gaming facility, the maximum number of electronic bell jar vending machines that may~~

~~be operated shall be three, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision.~~

~~(iii)~~] by the commission, but shall in no event exceed three machines.

(b) (i) The use of an electronic bell jar vending machine shall not be approved or permitted in any location restricted by a compact between an Indian tribe and the state of New York, as determined by the commission.

(ii) In cities with a population of one million or more as of the latest federal decennial census, the following geographic considerations shall apply, notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph or paragraph [~~(b)~~] (a) of this subdivision:

For any [~~authorized~~] veteran organization or volunteer fire company at a premises located within two thousand five hundred feet of any gaming facility, the maximum number of electronic bell jar vending machines that may be operated shall be one. The commission shall establish procedures for measuring such distance. For any [~~authorized~~] veteran organization or volunteer fire company at a premises located more than two thousand five hundred feet but not more than one mile from any gaming facility, the maximum number of electronic bell jar vending machines that may be operated shall be [~~one for new authorized organizations. For existing authorized organizations within this zone, the maximum number of electronic bell jar vending machines shall be~~] two, provided that the commission, in authorizing such machines, considers local market conditions and the objectives of preventing market oversaturation. For any [~~authorized~~] veteran organization or volunteer fire company at a premises located more than one mile from any gaming facility, the maximum number of electronic bell jar vending machines shall be [~~determined in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision~~] three, provided that the commission shall retain the discretion to impose stricter limitations based on local density of [~~authorized~~] veteran organizations and/or volunteer fire companies operating such machines, potential impact on existing gaming facilities, and [~~other local market conditions specific to such city~~] the determination of the commission of what will best serve public convenience, consistent with the objectives set forth in paragraph [~~(c)~~] (c) of this subdivision. The commission shall, by rule or regulation, further define the methodology for assessing local density and market conditions within such cities and may establish specific zones or areas where the placement of electronic bell jar vending machines is further limited or requires enhanced review, to ensure the responsible integration of such charitable gaming opportunities.

[~~(iv)~~] (iii) The commission shall have the authority to establish, by rule or regulation, specific proximity zones around gaming facilities and to modify the limitations provided in subparagraphs (i)[~~,~~] and (ii)[~~, and (iii)~~] of this paragraph based upon [~~local market conditions~~] the determination of the commission of what will best serve public convenience, potential impact on existing gaming facilities, and the need to prevent loss of employment at such facilities, provided that any such modification shall be consistent with the objective of supporting charitable fundraising while maintaining the existing gaming landscape and preventing market oversaturation; provided however, that any such modification shall constitute only a reduction of the thresholds established by this subdivision.

[~~(c)~~] (c) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this [~~subdivision~~] article, the commission shall have the discretion to determine the number of electronic bell jar vending machines that may be operated by any [~~authorized~~] veteran organization or volunteer fire company, and the

location of such machines; provided, however, that such number of machines shall not exceed the limits established in this subdivision. Such discretion shall be exercised to ensure that the introduction and operation of electronic bell jar vending machines occurs exclusively to the fundraising capabilities of legitimate [~~charitable~~] veteran organizations or volunteer fire companies while maintaining the stability of existing regulated gaming sectors and revenue to the state, and avoiding any loss of employment at existing gaming facilities.

(ii) [~~The commission may require periodic reporting or verification of active local membership to ensure ongoing compliance with eligibility requirements and may take enforcement action in cases of material misrepresentation or sustained noncompliance. The commission may also take into consideration reasonable and periodic fluctuations in membership to avoid requiring the removal or retirement of electronic bell jar vending machines due to temporary or minimal decreases in membership.~~

~~(iii)~~] The commission shall deny, revoke, or limit the number of electronic bell jar vending machines [~~an authorized~~] a veteran organization or volunteer fire company may operate if [~~it~~] the commission determines that such organization has been established, structured, or is being utilized, directly or indirectly, to obtain a greater number of machines than otherwise would be permitted. This consideration includes, but is not limited to, the creation of subsidiary entities, shell organizations, or any other arrangement where the facts and circumstances indicate an intent to circumvent the limitations set forth in this subdivision. The commission is empowered to scrutinize the governance, operational control, and financial interdependence of organizations to make such determinations.

[~~(iv)~~] (iii) The co-siting or joint housing of multiple [~~authorized~~] veteran organizations and/or volunteer fire companies at a single premises or contiguous premises for the primary purpose of increasing the aggregate number of electronic bell jar vending machines at such location beyond what would otherwise be permitted for a single [~~authorized~~] veteran organization or volunteer fire company operating at such premises is prohibited, unless explicitly authorized by the commission upon a finding that such arrangement is consistent with the public interest and the objectives of this article. The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate this provision, considering factors such as shared operational control, membership overlap, and the primary purpose of the co-siting arrangement.

7. The commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation of electronic bell jar vending machine gaming in accordance with the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, the [~~verification of active local membership numbers and~~] assessment of proximity to gaming facilities.

8. The commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as the commission may deem necessary to ensure that electronic bell jar vending machines are only accessible to bona fide members of the veterans organization or bona fide members of the volunteer fire company. Such machines shall not be accessible to the public or to any individual who is not a bona fide member of such organization or company; provided, however, that the commission may authorize the use of such machines at each veteran organization's or volunteer fire company's fundraising events on no more than four occasions per calendar year, at which time such machines may be made accessible to individuals who are not bona fide members, subject to such supervision and safeguards as the commis-

sion may require, including measures to ensure that no individual under the age of eighteen participates.

§ 7. Subdivisions 1, 4, and 5 of section 195-o of the general municipal law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, are amended and a new subdivision 5-a is added to read as follows:

1. Distribution; distributors. Any distributor licensed in accordance with section one hundred eighty-nine-a of this article to distribute bell jar tickets or electronic bell jar vending machines shall purchase such tickets and vending machines only from licensed manufacturers and may manufacture coin boards and merchandise boards only as authorized in subdivision one-a of this section. Licensed distributors of bell jar tickets [~~and electronic bell jar vending machines~~] shall sell such tickets and vending machines only to not-for-profit, charitable or religious organizations registered by the commission and shall sell, lease or otherwise distribute electronic bell jar vending machines only to eligible veteran organizations or volunteer fire companies as set forth in this article. Any licensed distributor who willfully violates the provisions of this section shall: (a) upon such first offense, have their license suspended for a period of thirty days; (b) upon such second offense, participate in a hearing to be conducted by the commission, and surrender their license for such period as recommended by the commission; and (c) upon such third or subsequent offense, have their license suspended for a period of one year and shall be guilty of a class E felony. Any unlicensed distributor who violates this section shall be guilty of a class E felony.

4. Invoices; agreements. (a) A distributor shall supply with each sale of a bell jar product an itemized invoice showing the distributor's name and address, the purchaser's name, address, and license number, the date of the sale, the account number identifying the sale from the manufacturer to distributor and the account number identifying the sale from the distributor to the licensed organization, and the description of the deals, including the form number, the serial number and the ideal gross from every deal of bell jar or similar game.

(b) Prior to the sale, lease, or distribution of an electronic bell jar vending machine to [~~an authorized~~] a veteran organization or volunteer fire company, the distributor or manufacturer shall provide the contract or agreement for such sale, lease or distribution to the commission for approval and any modification to such contract or agreement thereafter. Such contract or agreement shall show, at minimum:

(i) the name and address of the [~~authorized~~] veteran organization or volunteer fire company;

(ii) the date of sale, lease or distribution;

(iii) the serial number of each such machine;

(iv) the material terms and conditions of such contract or agreement; and

(v) any additional information as the commission may require.

(c) The commission may promulgate rules and regulations relating to the terms of any contract or agreement for the sale, lease, or distribution of an electronic bell jar vending machine to [~~an authorized~~] a veteran organization or volunteer fire company, including, but not limited to, regulations to ensure that revenue from play on such machines appropriately benefits the veteran organization and does not, instead, primarily or unduly benefit any other entity, including the distributor or manufacturer. The commission [~~shall~~], in its sole

discretion, may approve or deny such contract or agreement [~~within thirty days of receipt~~] and any material modification to such contract or agreement thereafter. If the commission denies approval for such contract, agreement or modification, it shall provide the reasons for such determination.

5. Reports. A distributor shall report quarterly to the gaming commission, on a form prescribed by the gaming commission, its sales of each type of bell jar deal or tickets and electronic bell jar vending machines. This report shall be filed quarterly on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding the end of the quarter in which the sale was made. The [~~gaming~~] commission may require that a distributor submit the quarterly report and invoices required by this section via electronic media or electronic data transfer.

5-a. Any costs of the commission necessary to maintain regulatory control over electronic bell jar machines shall be assessed annually on distributors of electronic bell jar machines in proportion to the number of such machines that have been distributed that are operational at any point in such year. Each distributor shall pay the amount assessed against it within thirty days after the date of the notice of assessment from the commission.

§ 8. Subdivision 3 of section 195-q of the general municipal law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended to read as follows:

3. (a) [~~An authorized~~] A veteran organization or volunteer fire company may [~~only~~] operate electronic bell jar vending machines only on premises that it owns or leases. All such locations must be identified by the veteran organization or volunteer fire company and approved by the commission prior to the placement of any electronic bell jar machine at those premises.

(b) [~~An authorized~~] A veteran organization or volunteer fire company may operate no more machines than the number permitted in [~~subdivision six of~~] section one hundred ninety-five-c of this article.

(c) No [~~authorized~~] veteran organization or volunteer fire company shall operate an electronic bell jar vending machine unless [~~it~~] such veteran organization or volunteer fire company is a [~~games of chance~~] games-of-chance licensee authorized by the commission to operate an electronic bell jar vending machine. The commission may promulgate rules and regulations as [~~may be~~] the commission deems necessary for the approval of [~~an authorized~~] a veteran organization or volunteer fire company to operate an electronic bell jar vending machine. [~~The commission may revoke, suspend, or condition such approval. The commission shall approve or deny such request for such approval within thirty days.~~] If the commission denies such request, it shall provide the reasons for such determination.

(d) The commission may authorize a veteran organization or volunteer fire company to operate electronic bell jar games only if such veteran organization or volunteer fire company was licensed to operate bell jar games as of November thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five.

(e) Each electronic bell jar vending machine shall generate sales reports and such other information that the commission may direct by regulation. The commission shall have access to the server of each electronic bell jar vending machine for the purpose of monitoring and auditing at no cost to the state.

[~~(e)~~] **(f)** Any unclaimed funds or tickets left in any electronic bell jar vending machine shall be retained by the authorized organization and reported as net proceeds.

§ 9. A chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended by adding a new section 9-a to read as follows:

§ 9-a. The provisions of this act are not severable from each other and are intended to be integrated with and integral to the whole. If any portion of this act is held by a court to be void or unenforceable then the remaining provisions of this act shall also be deemed void and unenforceable.

§ 10. Section 10 of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, is amended to read as follows:

§ 10. This act shall take effect [~~immediately~~] **one year after it shall have become a law**. **Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such date.**

§ 11. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, sections one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general municipal law relating to electronic bell jar games, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6351-B and A. 7475-B, takes effect.