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Introduced by M. of A. PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing the conducting of event games by organizations authorized to conduct games of chance

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

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 3, 3-a, 3-d, 9 and 14 of section 186 of the  
2     general municipal law, subdivision 3 as amended by section 5 of part B  
3     of chapter 383 of the laws of 2001, subdivisions 3-a and 9 as amended  
4     and subdivision 3-d as added by chapter 337 of the laws of 1998, and  
5     subdivision 14 as amended by chapter 637 of the laws of 1999, are  
6     amended and a new subdivision 3-e is added to read as follows:  
7     3. "Games of chance" shall mean and include only the games known as  
8     "merchandise wheels", "coin boards", "merchandise boards", "seal cards",  
9     "EVENT GAMES", "raffles", and "bell jars" and such other specific games  
10    as may be authorized by the board, in which prizes are awarded on the  
11    basis of a designated winning number or numbers, color or colors, symbol  
12    or symbols determined by chance, but not including games commonly known  
13    as "bingo or lotto" which are controlled under article fourteen-H of  
14    this chapter and also not including "bookmaking", "policy or numbers  
15    games" and "lottery" as defined in section 225.00 of the penal law. No  
16    game of chance shall involve wagering of money by one player against  
17    another player.  
18    3-a. "Bell jars" shall mean and include those games in which a partic-  
19    ipant shall draw a card from a jar, vending machine, or other suitable  
20    device or container which contains numbers, colors or symbols that are  
21    covered and which, when uncovered, may reveal that a prize shall be  
22    awarded on the basis of a designated winning number, color or symbol or  
23    combination of numbers, colors or symbols. Bell jars shall also include  
24    seal cards, coin boards, EVENT GAMES, and merchandise boards.

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

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1 3-d. "Seal cards" shall mean a board or placard used in conjunction  
2 with a deal of the same serial number which contains one or more  
3 concealed areas that, when removed or opened, reveal a predesignated  
4 winning number, letter, or symbol located on the board or placard. A  
5 SEAL CARD USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EVENT GAME SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED  
6 TO CONTAIN LINES FOR PROSPECTIVE SEAL WINNERS TO SIGN THEIR NAME.

7 3-E. "EVENT GAME" SHALL MEAN A BELL JAR GAME IN WHICH CERTAIN WINNERS  
8 ARE DETERMINED BY THE RANDOM SELECTION OF ONE OR MORE BINGO NUMBERS, THE  
9 USE OF A SEAL CARD OR BY ANOTHER METHOD APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

10 9. "Single type of game" shall mean the games of chance known as  
11 merchandise wheels, coin boards, merchandise boards, EVENT GAMES,  
12 raffles, and bell jars and each other specific game of chance authorized  
13 by the board.

14 14. "One occasion" shall mean the successive operations of any one  
15 single type of game of chance which results in the awarding of a series  
16 of prizes amounting to five hundred dollars or four hundred dollars  
17 during any one license period, in accordance with the provisions of  
18 subdivision eight of section one hundred eighty-nine of this article, as  
19 the case may be. For purposes of the game of chance known as a merchan-  
20 dise wheel or a raffle, "one occasion" shall mean the successive oper-  
21 ations of any one such merchandise wheel or raffle for which the limit  
22 on a series of prizes provided by subdivision six of section one hundred  
23 eighty-nine of this article shall apply. For purposes of the game of  
24 chance known as a bell jar, "one occasion" shall mean the successive  
25 operation of any one such bell jar, seal card, EVENT GAME, coin board,  
26 or merchandise board which results in the awarding of a series of prizes  
27 amounting to three thousand dollars. For the purposes of the game of  
28 chance known as raffle "one occasion" shall mean a calendar year during  
29 which successive operations of such game are conducted.

30 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.