

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 16, 2025

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 employees of authorized organizations operating games of chance

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 10 and 11 of section 189 of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 574 of the laws of 1978, are amended to
2 read as follows:
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4 10. No person except a bona fide member or employee of the licensed
5 authorized organization shall participate in the management of such
6 games; no person except a bona fide member or employee of the licensed
7 authorized organization, its auxiliary or affiliated organization, shall
8 participate in the operation of such game, as set forth in section one
9 hundred ninety-five-c of this article.

10 11. No person other than an employee shall receive any remuneration
11 for participating in the management or operation of any such game.

12 § 2. Section 195-c of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter
13 252 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

14 § 195-c. [~~1.~~] Persons operating games; equipment; expenses; compen-
15 sation. 1. No person shall operate any game of chance under any license
16 issued under this article except a bona fide member or employee of the
17 authorized organization to which the license is issued, or a bona fide
18 member or employee of an organization or association which is an auxil-
19 iary to the licensee or a bona fide member or employee of an organiza-
20 tion or association of which such licensee is an auxiliary or a bona
21 fide member or employee of an organization or association which is
22 affiliated with the licensee by being, with it, auxiliary to another
23 organization or association. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit
24 the number of games of chance licensees for whom such persons may oper-

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

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1 ate games of chance nor to prevent non-members or non-employees from
2 assisting the licensee in any activity other than managing or operating
3 games. No game of chance shall be conducted with any equipment except
4 such as shall be owned or leased by the authorized organization so
5 licensed or used without payment of any compensation therefor by the
6 licensee. However, in no event shall bell jar tickets be transferred
7 from one authorized organization to another, with or without payment of
8 any compensation thereof. The head or heads of the authorized organiza-
9 tion shall upon request certify, under oath, that the persons operating
10 any game of chance are bona fide members or employees of such authorized
11 organization, auxiliary or affiliated organization. Upon request by an
12 officer or the department any such person involved in such games of
13 chance shall certify that [~~he or she has~~] they have no criminal record.
14 No items of expense shall be incurred or paid in connection with the
15 conducting of any game of chance pursuant to any license issued under
16 this article except those that are reasonable and are necessarily
17 expended for games of chance supplies and equipment, prizes, security
18 personnel, stated rental if any, bookkeeping or accounting services
19 according to a schedule of compensation prescribed by the board, janito-
20 rial services and utility supplies if any, and license fees, and the
21 cost of bus transportation, if authorized by such clerk or department.
22 No commission, salary, compensation, reward or recompense shall be paid
23 or given to any person other than an employee for the sale or assisting
24 with the sale of raffle tickets.

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

29 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.