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Raffle Permit Application

This application must be submitted at least fifteen (15) days prior to the requested effective date. The licensing period expires at the end of the term for which it was granted.

Name of Applicant: _____

Organizations Name: _____

Organizations Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Purpose of Person(s) or Organization Seeking Permit (check one and describe): _____

☐ Charitable ☐ Social ☐ Sporting ☐ Public Health ☐ Fraternal

☐ Patriotic ☐ Educational ☐ Recreational ☐ Political ☐ Environmental Conservation

☐ Civic ☐ Humane ☐ Scientific ☐ Religious ☐ Other _____

Description of Organization: _____

Purpose of Raffle and Proposed Use of Proceeds (describe): _____

Date of Drawing: _____ **Time of Drawing:** _____ **Place of Drawing:** _____

Ticket Price: _____ **Prizes to be Awarded:** _____

Tickets Sold By: ☐ Individual Applicant(s) ☐ Organizational Members ☐ Others

By my signature, I state, under penalty of Unsworn Falsification (RSA 641:3), that the information provided is true and I understand that the proposed raffle must comply with NH RSA Chapter 287-A and am aware of all requirements and penalties.

Date Applicant's Signature

License may be revoked for just cause after notice and hearing.

License #: _____ Date of Expiration: _____

Date Approval Signature

TITLE XXIV
GAMES, AMUSEMENTS, AND ATHLETIC EXHIBITIONS
CHAPTER 287-A - RAFFLES

287-A:1 Definitions. - 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 Internal Revenue 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 deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue 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.

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.

287-A:3 Printed Tickets. – Except for raffles held without a permit under RSA 287-A:7, II, 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.

287-A:4 Distribution of Tickets. – Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 years of age or over and no raffle tickets shall be sold 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.

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.

287-A:7 Permit Required.

I. Except as provided in paragraph II, any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle under the provisions of this chapter shall first obtain a permit therefor from the selectmen or designee of the town, or the mayor and aldermen or designee of the city where the drawing for prizes is to be held. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the permit shall expire at the time of the drawing and shall not be transferable. At the request of the charitable organization to conduct more than one raffle, the governing body may extend the permit to one year from the date of issuance.

II. Any charitable organization may conduct a raffle and sell tickets without a permit so long as the tickets are sold at an event lasting 12 hours or less.