



# Senate Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development

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**House Bill 1098, Printer's No. 1793**

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**Sponsor: Representative Payne**

## Bill Summary

House Bill 1098, Printer's No. 1793 amends the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, further providing for definitions, for major league sports drawing and for licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance. Specifically, this legislation adds the National Football League (NFL) organization to the existing list of organizations (MLB, MLS, NBA or NHL) that can be involved in the conduct of 50/50 drawings and extends such to minor league teams affiliated with MLB, MLS, NBA, NFL or NHL. To reflect this extension to affiliated minor league teams the defined term "major league sports drawing" is replaced with the term "profession sports drawing."

{Section 103. Definitions}

The following definitions are modified, struck or added:

- "Affiliated nonprofit organization." Is modified to include the NFL and to allow for the affiliate [minor league team] of MLB, MLS, NBA, NFL or NHL.
- "Home game." A game of a major league sports team or its affiliate, including, but not limited to, a league-sponsored game, exhibition, regular season game, all-star game, play-off game, and championship game, held at the home facility of the major league sports team or its affiliate.
- The defined term "major league sports drawing" is replaced with the defined term "profession sports drawing."
  - *Professional sports drawing.* "A 50/50 drawing conducted by an affiliated nonprofit organization at a home game in which 50% of the money collected from ticket sales from the drawing is offered as the prize and the remaining 50% retained by the affiliated nonprofit organization sponsoring the drawing for distribution to charitable organizations."
- "Major league sports team." Is modified to include the NFL.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

## [A-----] (Ward) Amendment Summary

This is a gut and replacement amendment to the SGOC Act that provides for omnibus reforms and enhancements with regard to club licensees (eligible organizations with a liquor license) and Tavern Games at PA Taverns (restaurant licensee). [See Attachment for Details]

## Existing Law and Recent Changes

Local Option Small Games of Chance Act (Act 156 of 1988).

Act 156 of 1998 was modified in the prior legislative session (2011-2012) by Act 2 of 2012 (HB 169) and Act 184 of 2012 (SB 444). Act 2 provided for increases in prize limits and various omnibus reforms. Act 184 provided for some additional reforms and tweaks among, including 50/50 drawings (including Major League Sports Drawing) as a new category of SGOC.