

Public Law 100-625
100th Congress

An Act

To clarify certain restrictions on distribution of advertisements and other information concerning lotteries and similar activities.

Nov. 7, 1988

[H.R. 3146]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Charity Games Advertising Clarification Act of 1988".

Charity Games
Advertising
Clarification Act
of 1988.
State and local
governments.
18 USC 1301
note.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE MAILING AND BROADCAST OF ADVERTISEMENTS FOR LEGAL LOTTERIES AND SIMILAR ENTERPRISES.

(a) STATE-CONDUCTED LOTTERIES UNDER TITLE 18.—Subsection (a) of section 1307 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The provisions of sections 1301, 1302, 1303, and 1304 shall not apply to—

"(1) an advertisement, list of prizes, or other information concerning a lottery conducted by a State acting under the authority of State law which is—

"(A) contained in a publication published in that State or in a State which conducts such a lottery; or

"(B) broadcast by a radio or television station licensed to a location in that State or a State which conducts such a lottery; or

"(2) an advertisement, list of prizes, or other information concerning a lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme, other than one described in paragraph (1), that is authorized or not otherwise prohibited by the State in which it is conducted and which is—

"(A) conducted by a not-for-profit organization or a governmental organization; or

"(B) conducted as a promotional activity by a commercial organization and is clearly occasional and ancillary to the primary business of that organization."

(b) DEFINITION OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.—Subsection (d) of section 1307 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof "For purposes of this section, the term a 'not-for-profit organization' means any organization that would qualify as tax exempt under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."

(c) POSTAL SERVICE REGULATION OF LOTTERIES.—Paragraph (1) of section 3005(d) of title 39, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: "(1) publications containing advertisements, lists of prizes, or information concerning a lottery, which are exempt, pursuant to section 1307 of title 18 of the United States Code, from the provisions of sections 1301, 1302, 1303, and 1304 of title 18 of the United States Code,".

SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.—Chapter 61 of title 18, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) The section heading of section 1307 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1307. Exceptions relating to certain advertisements and other information and to State-conducted lotteries”.

(2) The item relating to section 1307 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 61 is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 1307. Exceptions relating to certain advertisements and other information and to State-conducted lotteries.”.

(3) Subsection (d) of section 1307 is amended by inserting after “purposes of” the following: “subsection (b) of”.

(4) The first sentence of section 1304 is amended by inserting after “radio” the following: “or television”.

18 USC 1307
note.

SEC. 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act or the amendments made by this Act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances, shall not be affected by such invalidation.

18 USC 1304
note.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall take effect 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved November 7, 1988.

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