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House Bill 4594 (Substitute H-1 as discharged)
Sponsor: Representative Tory Rocca
House Committee: Regulatory Reform
Senate Committee: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Bingo Act to allow a component of the military or the Michigan National Guard to obtain a license to conduct raffles. The entire net proceeds of an event, after the payment of expense incurred in reasonable amounts in connection with the holding, operating, or conducting of the event, could be used only for the expense of training or purchasing goods or services for the support of the activities of the component.

Under the Act, a "qualified organization" may apply for an unlimited number of small and large raffle licenses. "Qualified organization" means a bona fide religious, educational, service, senior citizens, fraternal, or veterans' organization that operates without profit to its members and that either has been in existence continuously as an organization for five years or is tax exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the bill, only for the purpose of conducting a small raffle or a large raffle, "qualified organization" would include a component of the military or the Michigan National Guard whose members are in active service or active State service. ("Small raffle" means an event during which the total value of all prizes awarded through raffle drawings does not exceed \$500 during one occasion. "Large raffle" means an event where the total value of all prizes awarded through raffle drawings exceeds \$500 per occasion.)

"Michigan national guard", "military", "active service", and "active state service" would mean those terms as defined in the Michigan Military Act.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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