

## CHARITABLE GAMING DIVISION

# Nebraska Lottery/Raffle Act and Small Lottery/Raffle Act

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- If you will be conducting a lottery with gross proceeds (total receipts from ticket sales) exceeding \$1,000 or a raffle\* with gross proceeds exceeding \$5,000, you should refer to sections 9-401 through 9-437 of this booklet.
- If you will be conducting a lottery with gross proceeds (total receipts from ticket sales) of \$1,000 or less, or a raffle\* with gross proceeds of \$5,000 or less, you should refer to sections 9-501 through 9-513 of this booklet.

\* To qualify as a raffle, at least 80 percent of the prizes to be awarded must be merchandise prizes, not redeemable for cash.

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**9-401. Act, how cited.** Sections 9-401 to 9-437 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 122; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 44; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 94; Laws 1997, LB 248, § 21; Laws 2002, LB 545, § 37.

**Operative Date:** July 20, 2002.

**9-402. Purpose of act.** (1) The purpose of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act is to protect the health and welfare of the public, to protect the economic welfare and interest in certain lotteries with gross proceeds greater than one thousand dollars and certain raffles with gross proceeds greater than five thousand dollars, to insure that the profits derived from the operation of any such lottery or raffle are accurately reported in order that their revenue-raising potential be fully exposed, to insure that the profits are used for legitimate purposes, and to prevent the purposes for which the profits of any such lottery or raffle are to be used from being subverted by improper elements.

(2) The purpose of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act is also to completely and fairly regulate each level of the traditional marketing scheme of tickets or stubs for such lotteries and raffles to insure fairness, quality, and compliance with the Constitution of Nebraska. To accomplish such purpose, the regulation and licensure of nonprofit organizations and any other person involved in the marketing scheme are necessary.

(3) The Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall apply to all lotteries with gross proceeds in excess of one thousand dollars, except for lotteries by the sale of pickle cards conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, lotteries conducted by a county, city, or village in accordance with the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, and lottery games conducted in accordance with the State Lottery Act, and to all raffles with gross proceeds in excess of five thousand dollars. All such lotteries and raffles shall be played and conducted only by the methods permitted in the act. No other form, means of selection, or method of play shall be allowed.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 123; Laws 1991, LB 849, § 49; Laws 1993, LB 138, § 7.

**Cross References:**

Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, see section 9-601. Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, see section 9-301. State Lottery Act, see section 9-801.

**9-403. Definitions, where found.** For purposes of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 9-404 to 9-417.02 shall be used.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 124; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 95; Laws 2003, LB 3, § 3.

**Effective date:** August 31, 2003.

**9-404. Allowable expenses, defined.** Allowable expenses shall mean:

- (1) All costs associated with the purchasing, printing, or manufacturing of any items to be used or distributed to participants such as tickets;
- (2) All office expenses;
- (3) All promotional expenses;
- (4) The tax on gross proceeds prescribed in section 9-429;
- (5) All license and permit fees prescribed by the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act;
- (6) Any tax or fee imposed pursuant to section 9-433; and
- (7) Any fee paid to any person associated with the operation of any lottery or raffle.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 125; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 96.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**9-405. Cancel, defined.** Cancel shall mean to discontinue all rights and privileges to hold a license or permit for up to three years.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 126.

**9-406. Department, defined.** Department shall mean the Department of Revenue.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 127.

**9-407. Gross proceeds, defined.** Gross proceeds shall mean the total receipts received from the conduct of the lottery or raffle without any reduction for prizes, discounts, taxes, or allowable expenses. Gross proceeds shall include receipts from any required admission costs or any other required purchase, to the extent such admission cost or purchase itself constitutes a chance in the lottery or raffle, and the value of any free tickets or stubs or free plays used.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 128; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 97.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**9-408. Lawful purpose, defined.** (1) Lawful purpose shall mean charitable or community betterment purposes, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following: (a) Benefiting persons by enhancing their opportunity for religious or educational advancement, by relieving or protecting them from disease, suffering, or distress, by contributing to their physical well-being, by assisting them in establishing themselves in life as worthy and useful citizens, or by increasing their comprehension of and devotion to the principles upon which this nation was founded; (b) Initiating, performing, or fostering worthy public works or enabling or furthering the erection or maintenance of public structures; and (c) Lessening the burdens borne by government or voluntarily supporting, augmenting, or supplementing services which government would normally render to the people.

(2) Lawful purpose shall not include any activity consisting of an attempt to influence legislation or participate in any political campaign on behalf of any elected official or person who is or has been a candidate for public office.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any organization licensed pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act from using its proceeds or profits derived from activities under the act in any activity which benefits and is conducted by the organization, including any charitable, benevolent, humane, religious, philanthropic, recreational, social, educational, civic, or fraternal activity conducted by the organization for the benefit of its members.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 129; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 98.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**9-409. License, defined.** License shall mean any license to conduct a lottery or raffle as provided in section 9-424 or any license for a utilization-of-funds member as provided in such section.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 130; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 99.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**9-410. Licensed organization, defined.** Licensed organization shall mean a nonprofit organization or a volunteer fire company or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or emergency squad licensed to conduct a lottery or raffle under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 131; Laws 2002, LB 545, § 38.

**Operative date:** July 20, 2002.

**9-411. Lottery, defined.** (1) Lottery shall mean a gambling scheme in which (a) participants pay or agree to pay something of value for an opportunity to win, (b) winning opportunities are represented by tickets differentiated by sequential enumeration, and (c) winners are determined by a random drawing of the tickets or by the method set forth in section 9-426.01.

(2) Lottery shall not include (a) any raffle as defined in section 9-415, (b) any gambling scheme which uses any mechanical, computer, electronic, or video gaming device which has the capability of awarding something of value, free games redeemable for something of value, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, (c) any activity which is authorized or regulated under the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, section 9-701, or Chapter 2, article 12, or (d) any activity which is prohibited under Chapter 28, article 11.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 132; Laws 1991, LB 849, § 50; Laws 1993, LB 138, § 8; Laws 1997, LB 248, § 22.

**Effective date:** June 7, 1997.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska Bingo Act**, see section 9-201.

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act**, see section 9-501.

**State Lottery Act**, see section 9-801.

**9-412. Member, defined.** Member shall mean a person who is recognized and acknowledged by a licensed organization as a member for purposes other than conducting activities under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act. Member shall not include social or honorary members.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 133.

**9-413. Permit, defined.** Permit shall mean a special permit to conduct one raffle and one lottery as provided in section 9-426.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 134.

**9-414. Profit, defined.** Profit shall mean the gross proceeds less reasonable sums necessarily and actually expended for prizes, taxes, and allowable expenses.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 135.

**9-415. Raffle, defined.** (1) Raffle shall mean a gambling scheme in which (a) participants pay or agree to pay something of value for an opportunity to win, (b) winning opportunities are represented by tickets differentiated by sequential enumeration, (c) winners are determined by a random drawing of the tickets or by the method set forth in section 9-426.01, and (d) at least eighty percent of all of the prizes to be awarded are merchandise prizes which are not directly or indirectly redeemable for cash by the licensed organization conducting the raffle or any agent of the organization.

(2) Raffle shall not include (a) any gambling scheme which uses any mechanical, computer, electronic, or video gaming device which has the capability of awarding something of value, free games redeemable for something of value, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, (b) any activity which is authorized or regulated under the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, section 9-701, or Chapter 2, article 12, or (c) activity which is prohibited under Chapter 28, article 11.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 136; Laws 1991, LB 849, § 51; Laws 1993, LB 138, § 9; Laws 1997, LB 248, § 23.

**Effective date:** June 7, 1997.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska Bingo Act**, see section 9-201.

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act**, see section 9-501.

**State Lottery Act**, see section 9-801.

**9-416. Revoke, defined.** Revoke shall mean to permanently void and recall all rights and privileges to obtain a license or permit.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 137.

**9-417. Suspend, defined.** Suspend shall mean to cause a temporary interruption of all rights and privileges of a license or permit or the renewal thereof.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 138.

**9-417.01. Utilization-of-funds member, defined.** Utilization-of-funds member shall mean a member of the organization who shall be responsible for supervising the conduct of a lottery or raffle and for the proper utilization of the gross proceeds derived from the conduct of a lottery or raffle.

**Source:** Laws 1994, LB 694, § 100.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**9-417.02. Volunteer fire company or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or emergency squad, defined.** Volunteer fire company or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or emergency squad shall mean a volunteer association or organization serving any city, village, county, township, or rural or suburban fire protection district in Nebraska by providing fire protection or emergency response services for the purpose of protecting human life, health, or property.

**Source:** Laws 2002, LB 545, § 39.

**Operative date:** July 20, 2002.

**9-418. Department; powers, functions, and duties.** The department shall have the following powers, functions, and duties:

(1) To issue licenses, temporary licenses, and permits;

(2) To deny any license or permit application or renewal application for cause. Cause for denial of an application or renewal of a license or permit shall include instances in which the applicant individually or, in the case of a nonprofit organization, any officer, director, or employee of the applicant, licensee, or permittee, other than an employee whose duties are purely ministerial in nature, any other person or entity directly or indirectly associated with such applicant, licensee, or permittee which directly or indirectly receives compensation other than distributions from a bona fide retirement plan established pursuant to Chapter 1, subchapter D of the Internal Revenue Code from such applicant, licensee, or permittee for past or present services in a consulting capacity or otherwise, the licensee, the permittee, or any person with a substantial interest in the applicant, licensee, or permittee:

(a) Violated the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations, or duties imposed by the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, or the State Lottery Act or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such acts;

(b) Knowingly caused, aided, abetted, or conspired with another to cause any person to violate any of the provisions of such acts or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such acts; (c) Obtained a license or permit pursuant to the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act by fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment; (d) Was convicted of, forfeited bond upon a charge of, or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any offense or crime, whether a felony or misdemeanor, involving any gambling activity or fraud, theft, willful failure to make required payments or reports, or filing false reports with a governmental agency at any level;

(e) Was convicted of, forfeited bond upon a charge of, or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any felony other than those described in subdivision (d) of this subdivision within the ten years preceding the filing of the application; (f) Denied the department or its authorized representatives, including authorized law enforcement agencies, access to any place where lottery or raffle activity required to be licensed under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act is being conducted or failed to produce for inspection or audit any book, record, document, or item required by law, rule, or regulation; (g) Made a misrepresentation of or failed to disclose a material fact to the department; (h) Failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence his, her, or its qualifications to be licensed in accordance with the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act; (i) Failed to pay any taxes and additions to taxes, including penalties and interest, required by the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act or any other taxes imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967; (j) Failed to pay an administrative fine levied pursuant to the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act; (k) Failed to demonstrate good character, honesty, and integrity;

(l) Failed to demonstrate, either individually or, in the case of a nonprofit organization, through its managers or employees, the ability, experience, or financial responsibility necessary to establish or maintain the activity for which the application is made; or (m) Was cited and whose liquor license was suspended, canceled, or revoked by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for illegal gambling activities that occurred on or after July 20, 2002, on or about a premises licensed by the commission pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such act.

(n) Failed to demonstrate, either individually or, in the case of a nonprofit organization, through its managers or employees, the ability, experience, or financial responsibility necessary to establish or maintain the activity for which the application is made; or

(o) Was cited and whose liquor license was suspended, canceled, or revoked by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for illegal gambling activities that occurred on or after July 20, 2002, on or about a premises licensed by the commission pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such act.

No renewal of a license under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall be issued when the applicant for renewal would not be eligible for a license upon a first application;

(3) To revoke, cancel, or suspend for cause any license or permit. Cause for revocation, cancellation, or suspension of a license or permit shall include instances in which the licensee or permittee individually or, in the case of a nonprofit organization, any officer, director, or employee of the licensee or permittee, other than an employee whose duties are purely ministerial in nature, any other person or entity directly or indirectly associated with such licensee or permittee which directly or indirectly receives compensation other than distributions from a bona fide retirement plan established pursuant to Chapter 1, subchapter D of the Internal Revenue Code from such licensee or permittee for past or present services in a consulting capacity or otherwise, or any

person with a substantial interest in the licensee or permittee: (a) Violated the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations, or duties imposed by the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such acts; (b) Knowingly caused, aided, abetted, or conspired with another to cause any person to violate any of the provisions of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act; (c) Obtained a license or permit pursuant to the act by fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment; (d) Was convicted of, forfeited bond upon a charge of, or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any offense or crime, whether a felony or misdemeanor, involving any gambling activity or fraud, theft, willful failure to make required payments or reports, or filing false reports with a governmental agency at any level; (e) Was convicted of, forfeited bond upon a charge of, or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any felony other than those described in subdivision (d) of this subdivision within the ten years preceding filing of the application; (f) Denied the department or its authorized representatives, including authorized law enforcement agencies, access to any place where lottery or raffle activity required to be licensed under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act is being conducted or failed to produce for inspection or audit any book, record, document, or item required by law, rule, or regulation; (g) Made a misrepresentation of or failed to disclose a material fact to the department; (h) Failed to pay any taxes and additions to taxes, including penalties and interest, required by the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act or any other taxes imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967; (i) Failed to pay an administrative fine levied pursuant to the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act; (j) Failed to demonstrate good character, honesty, and integrity; (k) Failed to demonstrate, either individually or, in the case of a nonprofit organization, through its managers or employees, the ability, experience, or financial responsibility necessary to maintain the activity for which the license was issued; or (l) Was cited and whose liquor license was suspended, canceled, or revoked by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for illegal gambling activities that occurred on or after July 20, 2002, on or about a premises licensed by the commission pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such act;

(4) To issue an order requiring a licensee, permittee, or other person to cease and desist from violations of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such act. The order shall give reasonable notice of the rights of the licensee, permittee, or other person to request a hearing and shall state the reason for the entry of the order. The notice of order shall be mailed to or personally served upon the licensee, permittee, or other person. If the notice of order is mailed, the date the notice is mailed shall be deemed to be the date of service of notice to the licensee, permittee, or other person. A request for a hearing by the licensee, permittee, or other person shall be in writing and shall be filed with the department within thirty days after the service of the cease and desist order. If a request for hearing is not filed within the thirty-day period, the cease and desist order shall become permanent at the expiration of such period. A hearing shall be held not later than thirty days after the request for the hearing is received by the Tax Commissioner, and within twenty days after the date of the hearing, the Tax Commissioner shall issue an order vacating the cease and desist order or making it permanent as the facts require. All hearings shall be held in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department. If the licensee, permittee, or other person to whom a cease and desist order is issued fails to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, the licensee, permittee, or other person shall be deemed in default and the proceeding may be determined against the licensee, permittee, or other person upon consideration of the cease and desist order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true;

(5) To examine or to cause to have examined, by any agent or representative designated by the department for such purpose, any books, papers, records, or memoranda relating to lottery or raffle activities required to be licensed pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, to require by summons the production of such documents or the attendance of any person having knowledge in the premises, to take testimony under oath, and to require proof material for its information. If any such person willfully refuses to make documents available for examination by the department or its agent or representative or willfully fails to attend and testify, the department may apply to a judge of the district court of the county in which such person resides for an order directing such person to comply with the department's request. If any documents requested by the department are in the custody of a corporation, the court order may be directed to any principal officer of the corporation. Any person who fails or refuses to obey such a court order shall be guilty of contempt of court;

(6) To levy an administrative fine on an individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation or organization for cause. For purposes of this subdivision, cause shall include instances in which the individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or organization violated the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations, or duties imposed by the act or any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act. In determining whether to levy an administrative fine and the amount of the fine if any fine is levied, the department shall take into consideration the seriousness of the violation, the intent of the violator, whether the violator voluntarily reported the violation, whether the violator derived financial gain as a result of the violation and the extent thereof, and whether the violator has had previous violations of the act, rules, or regulations. A fine levied on a violator under this section shall not exceed one thousand dollars for each violation of the act or any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act plus the financial benefit derived by the violator as a result of each violation. If an administrative fine is levied, the fine shall not be paid from lottery or raffle gross proceeds of an organization and shall be remitted by the violator to the department within thirty days after the date of the order issued by the department levying such fine;

(7) Unless specifically provided otherwise, to compute, determine, assess, and collect the amounts required to be paid to the state as taxes imposed by the act in the same manner as provided for sales and use taxes in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967;

(8) To collect license application, license renewal application, and permit fees imposed by the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and to prorate license fees on an annual basis. The department shall establish, by rule and regulation, the conditions and circumstances under which such fees may be prorated;

(9) To confiscate and seize lottery or raffle tickets or stubs pursuant to section 9-432; and

(10) To adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations, prescribe such forms, and employ such staff, including inspectors, as are necessary to carry out the act.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 139; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 45; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 101; Laws 1995, LB 344, § 25; Laws 1995, LB 574, § 10; Laws 1997, LB 248, § 25; Laws 2000, LB 1086, § 16; Laws 2002, LB 545, § 40; Laws 2002, LB 1126, § 3, Laws 2012, LB 727, § 7.

**Operative date:** April 12, 2012.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska Bingo Act**, see section 9-201.

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Liquor Control Act**, see section 53-101.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967**, see section 77-2701.

**Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act**, see section 9-501.

**State Lottery Act**, see section 9-801.

**9-418.01. Denial of application; procedure.** (1) Before any application is denied pursuant to section 9-418, the department shall notify the applicant in writing by mail of the department's intention to deny the application and the reasons for the denial. Such notice shall inform the applicant of his or her right to request an administrative hearing for the purpose of reconsideration of the intended denial of the application. The date the notice is mailed shall be deemed to be the date of service of notice to the applicant.

(2) A request for a hearing by the applicant shall be in writing and shall be filed with the department within thirty days after the service of notice to the applicant of the department's intended denial of the application. If a request for hearing is not filed within the thirty-day period, the denial shall become final at the expiration of such period.

(3) If a request for hearing is filed within the thirty-day period, the Tax Commissioner shall grant the applicant a hearing and shall, at least ten days before the hearing, serve notice upon the applicant by mail of the time, date, and place of the hearing. Such proceedings shall be considered contested cases pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

**Source:** Laws 1991, LB 427, § 47; Laws 2002, LB 545, § 41, Laws 2012, LB727, § 8.

**Operative date:** April 12, 2012.

**Cross References:**

**Administrative Procedure Act**, see section 84-920.

**9-418.02. Administrative fines; disposition; collection.** (1) All money collected by the department as an administrative fine shall be remitted on a monthly basis to the State Treasurer for credit to the permanent school fund.

(2) Any administrative fine levied under section 9-418 and unpaid shall constitute a debt to the State of Nebraska which may be collected by lien foreclosure or sued for and recovered in any proper form of action, in the name of the State of Nebraska, in the district court of the county in which the violator resides or owns property.

**Source:** Laws 1991, LB 427, § 46; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 102.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**9-419. Suspension of license; limitation; procedure.** (1) The Tax Commissioner may suspend any license or permit, except that no order to suspend any license or permit shall be issued unless the department determines that the licensee or permittee is not operating in accordance with the purposes and intent of the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery Act, or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such acts.

(2) Before any license or permit is suspended prior to a hearing, notice of an order to suspend a license or permit shall be mailed to or personally served upon the licensee or permittee at least fifteen days before the order of suspension takes effect.

(3) The order of suspension may be withdrawn if the licensee or permittee provides the department with evidence that any prior findings or violations have been corrected and that the licensee or permittee is now in full compliance, whether before or after the effective date of the order of suspension.

(4) The Tax Commissioner may issue an order of suspension pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of this section when an action for suspension, cancellation, or revocation is pending. The Tax Commissioner may also issue an order of suspension after a hearing for a limited time of up to one year without an action for cancellation or revocation pending.

(5) The hearing for suspension, cancellation, or revocation of the license or permit shall be held within twenty days after the date the suspension takes effect. A request by the licensee or permittee to hold the hearing after the end of the twenty-day period shall extend the suspension until the hearing.

(6) The decision of the department shall be made within twenty days after the conclusion of the hearing. The suspension shall continue in effect until the decision is issued. If the decision is that an order of suspension, revocation, or cancellation is not

appropriate, the suspension shall terminate immediately by order of the Tax Commissioner. If the decision is an order for the suspension, revocation, or cancellation of the license or permit, the suspension shall continue pending an appeal of the decision of the department.

(7) Any period of suspension prior to the issuance of an order of suspension shall count toward the total amount of time a licensee may be suspended from gaming activities under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act. Any period of suspension prior to the issuance of an order of cancellation shall not reduce the period of the cancellation. Any period of suspension after the issuance of the order and during an appeal shall be counted as a part of the period of cancellation.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 140; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 48; Laws 1995, LB 344, § 26.

**Effective date:** September 9, 1995.

**9-420. Hearing; required; when; notice.** Before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule or regulation, the suspension, revocation, or cancellation of any license or permit, or the levying of an administrative fine pursuant to section 9-418, the department shall set the matter for hearing. Such suspension, revocation, or cancellation proceedings or proceedings to levy an administrative fine shall be considered contested cases pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

At least ten days before the hearing, the department shall (1) in the case of suspension, revocation, or cancellation proceedings or proceedings to levy an administrative fine, serve notice by personal service or mail upon the licensee, permittee, or violator of the time, date, and place of any hearing or (2) in the case of adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule or regulation, issue a public notice of the time, date, and place of such hearing.

This section shall not apply to an order of suspension by the Tax Commissioner prior to a hearing as provided in section 9-419.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 141; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 49; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 103; Laws 1995, LB 344, § 27, Laws 2012, LB727, § 9.

**Operative Date:** April 12, 2012.

**Cross Reference:**

**Administrative Procedure Act**, see section 84-920.

**9-421. Proceeding before department; service; security; appeal.** (1) A copy of the order or decision of the department in any proceeding before it, certified under the seal of the department, shall be served upon each party of record to the proceeding before the department. Service upon any attorney of record for any such party shall be deemed to be service upon such party. Each party appearing before the department shall enter his or her appearance and indicate to the department his or her address for the service of a copy of any order, decision, or notice. The mailing of any copy of any order or decision or of any notice in the proceeding, to such party at such address, shall be deemed to be service upon such party.

(2) At the time of making an appearance before the department, each party shall deposit in cash or furnish a sufficient security for costs in an amount the department deems adequate to cover all costs liable to accrue, including costs for (a) reporting the testimony to be adduced, (b) making up a complete transcript of the hearing, and (c) extending reporter's original notes in typewriting.

(3) Any decision of the department in any proceeding before it may be appealed, and the appeal shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 142; Laws 1988, LB 352, § 16; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 50.

**Cross Reference:**

**Administrative Procedure Act**, see section 84-920.

**9-422. Lottery or raffle; restriction on gross proceeds; violation; penalty.** No person, except a licensed organization operating pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, shall conduct any lottery with gross proceeds in excess of one thousand dollars or any raffle with gross proceeds in excess of five thousand dollars. Any lottery or raffle conducted in violation of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any lottery conducted in accordance with the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, any lottery by the sale of pickle cards conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, or any lottery game conducted pursuant to the State Lottery Act.

**Source:** Laws 1984, LB 949, § 63; R.S.Supp., 1984, § 9-199; Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 143; Laws 1991, LB 849, § 52; Laws 1993, LB 138, § 10.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**State Lottery Act**, see section 9-801.

**9-423. License, qualified applicants.** (1) Any nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code or any volunteer fire company or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or emergency squad may apply for a license to conduct a lottery or raffle.

(2) Prior to applying for any license, an organization shall: (a) Be incorporated in this state as a not-for-profit corporation or organized in this state as a religious or not-for-profit organization; (b) Have at least ten members in good standing; (c) Conduct activities within this state in addition to the conduct of lotteries or raffles; (d) Be authorized by its constitution, articles, charter, or bylaws to further in this state a lawful purpose; and (e) Operate without profit to its members, and no part of the net earnings of such organization shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 144; Laws 2002, LB 545, § 42

**Operative date:** July 20, 2002.



**9-424. License; application; contents; fee; duty to keep current.** (1) Each applicant for a license to conduct a lottery or raffle shall file with the department an application on a form prescribed by the department. Each application shall include: (a) The name and address of the applicant and, if the applicant is an individual, his or her social security number; (b) Sufficient facts relating to the incorporation or organization of the applicant to enable the department to determine if the applicant is eligible for a license under section 9-423; (c) The name and address of each officer of the applicant organization; (d) The name, address, social security number, date of birth, and years of membership of a bona fide and active member of the applicant organization to be licensed as a utilization-of-funds member. Such person shall have been an active and bona fide member of the applicant organization for at least one year preceding the date the application is filed with the department unless the applicant organization can provide evidence that the one-year requirement would impose an undue hardship on the organization. Such person shall sign a sworn statement indicating that he or she agrees to comply with all provisions of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and all rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act, that no commission, fee, rent, salary, profits, compensation, or recompense will be paid to any person or organization except payments authorized by the act, and that all net profits will be spent only for lawful purposes. The department may prescribe a separate application for such license; (e) A roster of members, if the department deems it necessary and proper; (f) Other information which the department deems necessary; and (g) A thirty-dollar biennial license fee for the organization and a forty-dollar biennial license fee for each utilization-of-funds member.

(2) The information required by this section shall be kept current. An organization shall notify the department within thirty days if any information in the application is no longer correct and shall supply the correct information.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 145; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 104; Laws 1997, LB 752, § 68, Laws 2007, LB 638, § 13.

**Effective date:** September 1, 2007.

**9-425. Licenses; renewal; application; requirements; temporary license.** (1) All licenses to conduct a lottery or raffle and licenses issued to utilization-of-funds members shall expire as provided in this section and may be renewed biennially. An application for license renewal shall be submitted to the department at least thirty days prior to the starting date of the first lottery or raffle ticket sales for the biennial licensing period. The department may issue a temporary license prior to receiving all necessary information from the applicant.

(2) A license to conduct a lottery or raffle issued to a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501 (c) (3) or (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and any license issued to a utilization-of-funds member for such nonprofit organization shall expire on September 30 of each odd-numbered year or on such other date as the department may prescribe by rule and regulation. A license to conduct a lottery or raffle issued to a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, other than a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501 (c) (3) or (c)(4) of the code; or any volunteer fire company or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or emergency squad and any license issued to a utilization-of-funds member for such nonprofit organization or volunteer fire company or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or emergency squad shall expire on September 30 of each even-numbered year or on such other date as the department may prescribe by rule and regulation.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 146; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 105; Laws 2000, LB 1086, § 17; Laws 2002, LB 545, § 43, Laws 2007, LB 638, § 14.

**Effective date:** September 1, 2007.

**9-426. Special permit to conduct raffle and lottery; fee.** (1) A licensed organization may obtain from the department a special permit to conduct one raffle and one lottery. The cost of the special permit shall be ten dollars. The special permit shall exempt the licensed organization from subsections (2) and (3) of section 9-427 and from section 9-430. The organization shall comply with all other requirements of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act.

(2) The special permit shall be valid for one year and shall be issued by the department upon the proper application by the licensed organization. The special permit shall become invalid upon termination, revocation, or cancellation of the organization's license to conduct a lottery or raffle. The application shall be in such form and contain such information as the department may prescribe.

(3) No licensed organization conducting a raffle or lottery pursuant to a special permit shall pay persons selling tickets or stubs for the raffle or lottery, except that nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the awarding of prizes to such persons based on ticket or stub sales.

**Source:** Laws 1985, LB 486, § 1; R.S.Supp., 1985, § 9-199.01; Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 147; Laws 2000, LB 1086, § 18; Laws 2020, LB 1056 § 1.

**Effective date:** July 13, 2000.

**9-426.01. Race utilizing floating objects; requirements.** (1) Pursuant to a special permit obtained in accordance with section 9-426, a licensed organization may conduct a lottery or raffle in which the winners are to be determined by a race utilizing inanimate, buoyant objects floated along a river, canal, or other waterway. The objects shall each bear a number or other unique identifying mark which corresponds to sequentially numbered tickets which are sold to participants in the lottery or raffle. A licensed organization utilizing this method of winner determination shall comply with all other requirements of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act.

(2) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of a lottery or raffle utilizing the method of winner determination provided by this section.

**Source:** Laws 1997, LB 248, § 24.

**Effective date:** June 7, 1997.

**9-427. Lottery; raffle; gross proceeds; use; restrictions.** (1) The gross proceeds of any lottery or raffle shall be used solely for lawful purposes, awarding of prizes, and allowable expenses.

(2) Not less than sixty-five percent of the gross proceeds of any lottery shall be used for the awarding of prizes, and not more than ten percent of the gross proceeds shall be used to pay the allowable expenses of operating such scheme.

(3) Not less than sixty-five percent of the gross proceeds of any raffle shall be used for the awarding of prizes, and not more than ten percent of the gross proceeds shall be used to pay the allowable expenses of operating such scheme, except that if prizes are donated to the licensed organization to be awarded in connection with such raffle, the prizes awarded shall have a fair market value equal to at least sixty-five percent of the gross proceeds and the licensed organization shall use the proceeds for allowable expenses, optional additional prizes, and a lawful purpose.

**Source:** Laws 1983, LB 259, § 50; Laws 1984, LB 949, § 56; Laws 1985, LB 486, § 3; Laws 1985, LB 408, § 34; R.S.Supp., 1985, § 9-185; Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 148; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 106.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**9-428. Segregation of gross proceeds; records; requirements.** The gross proceeds of any lottery or raffle shall be segregated from other revenue of any licensed organization conducting the lottery or raffle and placed in a separate account. Separate records shall be maintained by any licensed organization conducting a lottery or raffle. Each licensed organization conducting a lottery or raffle shall keep a record of all persons who are paid to sell tickets or stubs. Records required by the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall be preserved for at least three years. Any law enforcement agency or other agency of government shall have the authority to investigate the records relating to lotteries or raffles and gross proceeds from such lottery or raffle at any time. Organizations shall, upon proper written request, deliver all such records to the department or other law enforcement agency for investigation.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 149.

**9-429. Lottery or raffle; tax; deficiencies.** Any licensed organization or any other organization or person conducting a lottery or raffle activity required to be licensed pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall pay to the department a tax of two percent of the gross proceeds of each lottery having gross proceeds of more than one thousand dollars or raffle having gross proceeds of more than five thousand dollars. Such tax shall be remitted annually by September 30 of each year on forms approved and provided by the department. The department shall remit the tax to the State Treasurer for credit to the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund. All deficiencies of the tax imposed by this section shall accrue interest and be subject to a penalty as provided for sales and use taxes in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

**Source:** Laws 1983, LB 259, § 61; Laws 1984, LB 949, § 70; R.S.Supp., 1984, § 9-196; Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 150; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 51; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 107; Laws 2020, LB 1056 § 2.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1994.

**Cross Reference:**

**Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967**, see section 77-2701.

**9-430. Participation; age limitation.** (1) No person under eighteen years of age shall participate in any way in any lottery or raffle, except that a person under eighteen years of age may participate in a lottery or raffle conducted by a licensed organization pursuant to a permit issued under section 9-426.

(2) No person, licensee, or permittee, or employee or agent thereof shall knowingly permit an individual under eighteen years of age to play or participate in any way in a lottery or raffle conducted pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, excluding those conducted by a licensed organization with a special permit issued under section 9-426.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 151; Laws 1997, LB 248, § 26.

**Operative date:** October 1, 1997.

**9-431. Lottery or raffle ticket or stub; requirements.** Each licensed organization conducting a lottery or raffle conducted pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall have its name and identification number clearly printed on each lottery or raffle ticket or stub used in such lottery or raffle. No such ticket or stub shall be sold unless such name and identification number is so printed thereon. In addition, all lottery or raffle tickets or stubs shall bear a number, which numbers shall be in sequence and clearly printed on the ticket or stub.

Each ticket or stub shall have an equal chance of being chosen in the drawing. Each ticket or stub shall be constructed of the same material, shall have the same surface, and shall be substantially the same shape, size, form, and weight.

Each licensed organization conducting a lottery or raffle shall keep a record of all locations where its tickets or stubs are sold. In addition to other authorized sales, a licensed organization conducting a raffle pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act may also sell tickets or stubs for such raffles on its web site and at events, and such tickets or stubs may be purchased using a debit card online on the web site and at events in addition to other authorized methods of payment.

**Source:** Laws 1984, LB 949, § 62; R.S.Supp., 1984, § 9-198; Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 152; Laws 2020, LB 1056 § 3.

**9-432. Tax Commissioner; power to seize contraband; effect.** (1) The Tax Commissioner or his or her agents or employees, at the direction of the Tax Commissioner, or any peace officer of this state may seize, without a warrant, the following contraband goods found any place in this state: (a) Any lottery or raffle tickets or stubs that are being sold which are not properly printed as required in section 9-431 or which do not meet the other requirements of such section; (b) any lottery or raffle tickets or stubs that are being sold without the proper license or permit; or (c) any lottery or raffle tickets or stubs that have been sold in violation of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act or any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act.

(2) The Tax Commissioner may, upon satisfactory proof, direct return of any confiscated lottery or raffle tickets or stubs when he or she has reason to believe that the owner has not willfully or intentionally failed to comply with the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act.

(3) The Tax Commissioner may, upon finding that an owner of contraband goods has willfully or intentionally failed to comply with the act, confiscate such goods. Any lottery or raffle tickets or stubs confiscated shall be destroyed.

(4) The seizure of lottery or raffle tickets or stubs under this section shall not relieve any person from a fine, imprisonment, or other penalty for violation of the act.

(5) The Tax Commissioner or his or her agents or employees, when directed to do so by the Tax Commissioner, or any peace officer of this state shall not be responsible for negligence in any court for the seizure or confiscation of any lottery or raffle ticket or stub pursuant to this section.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 153.

**9-433. Lottery or raffle; local control; section, how construed.** (1) Any county or incorporated municipality may, by resolution or ordinance, tax, regulate, control, or prohibit any lottery or raffle within the boundaries of such county or the corporate limits of such incorporated municipality. No county may impose a tax or otherwise regulate, control, or prohibit any lottery within the corporate limits of an incorporated municipality. Any tax imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the general fund of the county or incorporated municipality imposing such tax.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any lottery or raffle not otherwise authorized under Nebraska law.

**Source:** Laws 1983, LB 259, § 60; Laws 1984, LB 949, § 69; R.S.Supp., 1984, § 9-195; Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 154; Laws 2017, LB 217, § 1.

**Operative date:** August 24, 2017.

**9-434. Violations; penalties; enforcement; venue.** (1) Except when another penalty is specifically provided, any person, licensee, or permittee, or employee or agent thereof, who violates any provision of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or who causes, aids, abets, or conspires with another to cause any person, licensee, or permittee or employee or agent thereof to violate the act, shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class IV felony for any second or subsequent violation. Any licensee guilty of violating any provision of the act more than once in a twelve-month period may have its license canceled or revoked.

(2) Each of the following violations of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall be a Class IV felony: (a) Giving, providing, or offering to give or provide, directly or indirectly, to any public official or employee or agent of this state, or any agencies or political subdivisions of this state, any compensation or reward or share of the money for property paid or received through gambling activities authorized under Chapter 9 in consideration for obtaining any license, authorization, permission, or privileges to participate in any gaming operations except as authorized under Chapter 9 or any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to such chapter; or (b) Knowingly filing a false report under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act.

(3) Intentionally employing or possessing any device to facilitate cheating in any lottery or raffle or using any fraudulent scheme or technique in connection with any lottery or raffle is a violation of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act. The offense is a: (a) Class II misdemeanor when the amount gained or intended to be gained through the use of such items, schemes, or techniques is less than five hundred dollars; (b) Class I misdemeanor when the amount gained or intended to be gained through the use of such items, schemes, or techniques is five hundred dollars or more but less than one thousand five hundred dollars; and (c) Class IV felony when the amount gained or intended to be gained through the use of such items, schemes, or techniques is one thousand five hundred dollars or more.

(4) In all proceedings initiated in any court or otherwise under the act, it shall be the duty of the Attorney General and appropriate county attorney to prosecute and defend all such proceedings.

(5) The failure to do any act required by or under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall be deemed an act in part in the principal office of the department. Any prosecution under such act may be conducted in any county where the defendant resides or has a place of business or in any county in which any violation occurred.

(6) In the enforcement and investigation of any offense committed under the act, the department may call to its aid any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other peace officer in the state.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 155; Laws 1987, LB 523, § 3; Laws 1995, LB 344, § 28; Laws 1997, LB 248, § 27; Laws 2015, LB 605, § 3.

**Effective date:** August 30, 2015.

**9-435. Violations; standing to sue.** Any person in this state, including any law enforcement official, who has cause to believe that (1) any licensed organization, (2) any employee or agent of such licensed organization, (3) any person acting in concert with such licensed organization, or (4) any person in connection with a lottery or raffle has engaged in or is engaging in any conduct in violation of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act or has aided or is aiding another in any conduct in violation of such act may commence a civil action in any district court of this state.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 156.

**9-436. Civil action; relief permitted.** In any civil action commenced pursuant to section 9-435, a court may allow:

- (1) A temporary restraining order or injunction, with or without a bond as the court may direct, prohibiting a party to the action from continuing or engaging in such conduct, aiding in such conduct, or doing any act in furtherance of such conduct;
- (2) A declaration that the conduct by a licensed organization or employee or agent of a licensed organization, which is a party to the action, constitutes a violation of the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and a determination of the number and times of violations for certification to the department for appropriate license or permit revocation purposes;
- (3) A permanent injunction under principles of equity and on reasonable terms;
- (4) An accounting of the profits, earnings, or gains resulting directly and indirectly from such violations, with restitution or a distribution of such profits, earnings, or gains to all licensed organizations existing at the time of such violations which apply to the court and show that they suffered monetary losses by reason of such violations and with distribution of any remaining profits, earnings, or gains to the state; and
- (5) Reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 157; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 52.

**9-437. Civil procedure statutes; applicability.** Proceedings under section 9-435 shall be subject to and governed by the district court civil procedure statutes. Issues properly raised shall be tried and determined as in other civil actions in equity. All orders, judgments, and decrees rendered may be reviewed as other orders, judgments, and decrees.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 158.

**BINGO AND OTHER GAMBLING**  
**ARTICLE 5**  
**SMALL LOTTERIES AND RAFFLES**

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**9-501. Act, how cited.** Sections 9-501 to 9-513 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 159; Laws 2000, LB 1086, § 19.

**Effective date:** July 13, 2000.

**9-502. Act, purpose.** The purpose of the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act is to allow qualifying nonprofit organizations to conduct lotteries with gross proceeds not greater than one thousand dollars or raffles with gross proceeds not greater than five thousand dollars subject to minimal regulation. The Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act shall apply to all lotteries with gross proceeds not greater than one thousand dollars, except for lotteries by the sale of pickle cards conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, lotteries conducted by a county, city, or village in accordance with the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, and lottery games conducted pursuant to the State Lottery Act, and to all raffles with gross proceeds not greater than five thousand dollars. All such lotteries and raffles shall be played and conducted only by the methods permitted in the act. No other form or method shall be authorized or permitted.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 160; Laws 1991, LB 849, § 53; Laws 1993, LB 138, § 11.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**State Lottery Act**, see section 9-801.

**9-503. Definitions; sections found.** For purposes of the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 9-504 to 9-509 shall be used.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 161.

**9-504. Charitable or community betterment purposes, defined.** (1) Charitable or community betterment purposes shall mean (a) benefiting persons by enhancing their opportunity for religious or educational advancement, by relieving or protecting them from disease, suffering, or distress, by contributing to their physical well-being, by assisting them in establishing themselves in life as worthy and useful citizens, or by increasing their comprehension of and devotion to the principles upon which this nation was founded, (b) initiating, performing, or fostering worthy public works or enabling or furthering the erection or maintenance of public structures, and (c) lessening the burdens borne by government or voluntarily supporting, augmenting, or supplementing services which government would normally render to the people.

(2) Charitable or community betterment purposes shall not include any activity consisting of an attempt to influence legislation or participate in any political campaign on behalf of any elected official or person who is or has been a candidate for public office.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any qualifying nonprofit organization from using its proceeds or profits derived from activities under the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act in any activity which benefits and is conducted by the qualifying nonprofit organization, including any charitable, benevolent, humane, religious, philanthropic, recreational, social, educational, civic, or fraternal activity conducted by the organization for the benefit of its members.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 162.

**9-505. Expenses, defined.** Expenses shall mean (1) all costs associated with the purchasing, printing, or manufacturing of any items to be used or distributed in the lottery or raffle, (2) all office or clerical expenses in connection with the lottery or raffle, (3) all promotional expenses, (4) all salaries of persons employed to operate, conduct, or supervise any lottery or raffle, (5) any rental or lease expense, and (6) any fee or commission paid to any person associated with the lottery or raffle.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 163.

**9-506. Gross proceeds, defined.** Gross proceeds shall mean the total aggregate receipts received from the conduct of any lottery or raffle conducted by any qualifying nonprofit organization without any reduction for prizes, discounts, or expenses and shall include receipts from admission costs, any consideration necessary for participation, and the value of any free tickets, games, or plays used.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 164.

**9-507. Lottery, defined.** (1) Lottery shall mean a gambling scheme in which (a) participants pay or agree to pay something of value for an opportunity to win, (b) winning opportunities are represented by tickets differentiated by sequential enumeration, (c) the winners are to be determined by a random drawing of the tickets or by the method set forth in section 9-511.01, and (d) the holders of the winning tickets are to receive something of value.

(2) Lottery shall not include (a) any raffle, (b) any gambling scheme which uses any mechanical, computer, electronic, or video gaming device which has the capability of awarding something of value, free games redeemable for something of value, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, (c) any activity authorized or regulated under the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the State Lottery Act, section 9-701, or Chapter 2, article 12, or (d) any activity prohibited under Chapter 28, article 11.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 165; Laws 1991, LB 849, § 54; Laws 1993, LB 138, § 12; Laws 2000, LB 1086, § 20.

**Effective date:** July 13, 2000.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska Bingo Act**, see section 9-201.

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act**, see section 9-401.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**State Lottery Act**, see section 9-801.

**9-508. Qualifying nonprofit organization, defined.** Qualifying nonprofit organization shall mean any nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code or whose major activities, exclusive of conducting any lottery or raffle, are conducted for charitable and community betterment purposes. A qualifying nonprofit organization shall have its principal office located in this state and shall conduct a majority of its activities in Nebraska.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 166; Laws 1994, LB 694, § 108; Laws 1995, LB 574, § 11.

**Effective date:** September 9, 1995.

**9-509. Raffle, defined.** (1) Raffle shall mean a gambling scheme in which (a) participants pay or agree to pay something of value for an opportunity to win, (b) winning opportunities are represented by tickets differentiated by sequential enumeration, (c) winners are to be determined by a random drawing of tickets or by the method set forth in section 9-511.01, and (d) at least eighty percent of all of the prizes to be awarded are merchandise prizes which are not directly or indirectly redeemable for cash by the qualifying nonprofit organization conducting the raffle or any agent of the organization.

(2) Raffle shall not include any gambling scheme which uses any mechanical, computer, electronic, or video gaming device which has the capability of awarding something of value, free games redeemable for something of value, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of value, (b) any activity authorized or regulated under the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the State Lottery Act, section 9-701, or Chapter 2, article 12, or (c) any activity prohibited under Chapter 28, article 11.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 167; Laws 1991, LB 427, § 53; Laws 1991, LB 849, § 55; Laws 1993, LB 138, § 13; Laws 2000, LB 1086, § 21.

**Effective date:** July 13, 2000.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska Bingo Act**, see section 9-201.

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act**, see section 9-401.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**State Lottery Act**, see section 9-801.

**9-510. Nonprofit organization; conduct lotteries; conditions.** Any qualifying nonprofit organization may conduct a lottery that has gross proceeds not greater than one thousand dollars. Each chance in such lottery shall have an equal likelihood of being a winning chance. The gross proceeds of the lottery shall be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes, awarding of prizes, and expenses. No more than one lottery shall be conducted by any qualifying organization within any calendar month.

**Source:** Laws 1977, LB 38, § 231; Laws 1978, LB 351, § 51; Laws 1979, LB 152, § 10; Laws 1983, LB 259, § 40; Laws 1984, LB 949, § 74; R.S. 1943, (1985), § 28-1115; Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 168.

**9-511. Nonprofit organization; conduct raffles; conditions.** Any qualifying nonprofit organization may conduct a raffle that has gross proceeds not greater than five thousand dollars. Each chance in such raffle shall have an equal likelihood of being a winning chance. The gross proceeds shall be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes, awarding of prizes, and expenses. Any qualifying nonprofit organization may conduct one or more raffles in a calendar month if the total gross proceeds from such raffles do not exceed five thousand dollars during such month.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 169.

**9-511.01. Nonprofit organization; conduct lottery or raffle with winners determined by racing objects; conditions.** (1) A qualifying nonprofit organization may conduct a lottery or raffle in which the winners are to be determined by a race utilizing inanimate, buoyant objects floated along a river, canal, or other waterway. The objects shall each bear a number or other unique identifying mark which corresponds to sequentially numbered tickets which are sold to participants in the lottery or raffle. A qualifying nonprofit organization utilizing this method of winner determination shall comply with all other requirements of the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act.

(2) The Department of Revenue may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the conduct of a lottery or raffle utilizing the method of winner determination provided by this section.

**Source:** Laws 2000, LB 1086, § 22.

**Effective date:** July 13, 2000.

**9-512. Department of Revenue; law enforcement agency; powers and duties.** The Department of Revenue or any law enforcement agency may require any proper investigation or audit of any qualifying nonprofit organization which conducts any lottery or raffle under the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, either for the specific purpose of determining whether the provisions of the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act are being complied with or for the specific purpose of ensuring that the provisions of the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, or the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act are not being violated. No audit or investigation shall be conducted under this section except as is absolutely necessary for the department or the agency to fulfill its necessary and proper duties.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 170.

**Cross References:**

**Nebraska Bingo Act**, see section 9-201.

**Nebraska County and City Lottery Act**, see section 9-601.

**Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act**, see section 9-401.

**Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act**, see section 9-301.

**9-513. Violation; penalty.** Any person who violates any provision of the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for the first offense and of a Class II misdemeanor for any second or subsequent offense.

**Source:** Laws 1986, LB 1027, § 171.