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H 149. "CASINO NIGHTS" FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. TO AUTHORIZE

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE "CASINO NIGHTS." Creates new GS 14-309.16 to authorize organizations that qualify as tax exempt pursuant to GS 105-130.11(a) to conduct four casino nights per organization per year, subject to the following: (1) requires that all persons conducting the casino night be a member or a volunteer recruited by the sponsoring organization, including individuals who sell admission tickets or chips and otherwise handle money collected during event, and those who conduct the games and ensure that gaming rules are followed, but does not include individuals responsible for set-up or cleaning of event or sales of food or drink; (2) prohibits individuals participating in event from receiving direct or indirect remuneration; (3) sets the maximum bet at \$10.00; (4) requires that a bank be established at event to provide script marked with logo of supplier for use at games and that the bank shall provide receipts to participants and cash-in script once event ends; (5) requires that participants be at least 18 and provides that event shall not be conducted between 2:00 a.m. and noon; (6) limits the games played at event to roulette, blackjack, poker, pull tabs, craps, chuck-a-luck, keno and merchandise wheel of fortune and prohibits use of slot machines or other coin-operated devices; (7) prohibits the alteration of equipment to give organization a betting advantage; (8) provides that credit shall not be extended to participants; (9) restricts organization from conducting bingo during casino night; and (10) requires that at least 90% of proceeds be used for organization's primary purpose and that no proceeds may be used to pay individuals to conduct casino night or to rent facility for event purposes. Makes violation of section a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Intro. by Owens.

Ref. to Rules	GS 14
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