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RAFFLES INFORMATION DOCUMENT

In California, charities and certain other private nonprofit organizations may conduct raffles to raise funds for beneficial or charitable purposes in the state.

This exception to the general constitutional prohibition against lotteries requires that at least 90 percent of the gross receipts from these raffles go directly to beneficial or charitable purposes in California.

Unless specifically exempted, a nonprofit organization must register with the Attorney General's **Registry of Charitable Trusts** prior to conducting the raffle and file an aggregate financial disclosure report for all raffles held during the reporting year. Forms for registering and reporting activities are provided on this web page.

What organizations qualify and how the raffles must be conducted are governed by Penal Code section 320.5, which was added by Senate Bill 639 (McPherson, Chapter 778, Stats. of 2000).

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Forms

PLEASE NOTE: The registration period for conducting raffles is from September 1 through August 31 annually. Registration must be completed prior to conducting raffle-related activities, including the selling of raffle tickets. An organization must file the raffle registration form at least 60 days before the scheduled date of the raffle in order to give Registry staff sufficient time to process the form. The Registry does not confirm receipt of raffle registration forms. An organization that wants confirmation that the Registry has received a form must submit the form to the Registry by requesting "certified receipt," a service available at the U.S. Post Office.

- **Nonprofit Raffle Registration Form - CT-NRP-1**

Each nonprofit organization that intends to conduct a raffle during a year (September 1 through August 31) must complete and submit a raffle registration form.

- **Nonprofit Raffle Report - CT-NRP-2**

A nonprofit organization that has registered to conduct raffles must file a single aggregate report for all raffles held during the reporting year (September 1 through August 31), regardless of the number of raffles held.

Change in Raffle Reporting Requirements

A single aggregate report for all raffles held during the reporting year is due on or before October 1st. The Nonprofit Raffle Report (Form CT-NRP-2) must be used by all organizations, regardless of the number of raffles held. Precise record-keeping is required as reports that include estimates of proceeds and expenses will not be accepted for filing.

Organizations that host raffles as part of a larger fundraising event must maintain a record of raffle proceeds and expenses **separate** from all other event monies and report **only** raffle proceeds and expenses on Form CT-NRP-2.
