February 25, 2019 - Introduced by Senators Jacque, Marklein, Nass, Olsen and Wanggaard, cosponsored by Representatives Murphy, Mursau, Brooks, Edming, Gundrum, Horlacher, Pronschinske, Quinn, Ramthun, Skowronski, Sortwell, Tranel, Tusler, Wichgers, Zimmerman and Plumer. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions.

1 AN ACT to amend 563.908 and 563.92 (1m) (c) 1.; and to create 563.03 (5r) (c), 563.03 (10q), 563.03 (10r) and 563.935 (9m) of the statutes; relating to: paddlewheel raffles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an organization with a Class B raffle license may conduct a multiple-container raffle or a plastic and rubber duck race as long as the winner in the raffle or race is determined by a drawing with all tickets having an equal opportunity to win. This bill allows an organization with a Class B raffle license to conduct a paddlewheel raffle. Under this bill, a paddlewheel raffle is a raffle in which a paddlewheel, a manually operated, mechanical, vertical wheel that is marked off into sections containing numbers or descriptions of items, after being spun, indicates with a pointer or marker a winning number or prize item on the wheel.

Under the bill, the organization conducting the raffle must comply with certain requirements, including that the organization must determine the winning number or prize by the position of the pointer when the vertical wheel stops spinning. If the pointer stops on top of a peg, the number or prize item preceding the peg is the winning number or item.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 563.03 (5r) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

563.03 (5r) (c) Selection of a winning ticket or prize by spin of a paddlewheel.

SECTION 2. 563.03 (10q) of the statutes is created to read:

563.03 (10q) “Paddlewheel” means a manually operated, mechanical, vertical wheel marked off into sections containing numbers, prize descriptions, or the designation “lose a turn.”

SECTION 3. 563.03 (10r) of the statutes is created to read:

563.03 (10r) “Paddlewheel raffle” means a raffle in which a paddlewheel is spun, and, after being spun, the paddlewheel uses a pointer or marker to indicate any of the following:

(a) A winning number on the paddlewheel that matches a ticket purchased by a player.

(b) A prize to be awarded to the ticket purchaser whose turn it is, as determined by the organization conducting the raffle.

(c) The ticket purchaser whose turn it is does not win a prize on the spin because the paddlewheel landed on a designated “lose a turn” section.

SECTION 4. 563.908 of the statutes is amended to read:

563.908 Requirements of raffles. A raffle may not be conducted in this state unless any winner in the raffle is determined by a drawing or paddlewheel spin with all tickets or calendars having an equal opportunity to win.

SECTION 5. 563.92 (1m) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

563.92 (1m) (c) 1. Conduct multiple-container raffles, paddlewheel raffles, or plastic or rubber duck races if the raffles or races are authorized under s. 563.908.

SECTION 6. 563.935 (9m) of the statutes is created to read:
563.935 (9m) An organization that conducts a paddlewheel raffle shall determine the winning number or prize by the position of the pointer or marker when the paddlewheel stops spinning. If the pointer stops on top of a peg, the number or prize item preceding the peg is the winning number or item.

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