AN ACT to renumber 563.908; to amend 563.907 (1); and to create 563.908 (2) and (3) of the statutes; relating to: exempting 50/50 raffles from license requirements.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 563.907 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.907 (1) Any local religious, charitable, service, fraternal or veterans organization or any organization to which contributions are deductible for federal income tax purposes or state income or franchise tax purposes, which has been in existence for one year immediately preceding its application for a license or date on which a raffle is conducted under s. 563.908 (3) or which is chartered by a state or national organization which has been in existence for at least 3 years, may conduct a raffle upon receiving a license for the raffle from the department in accordance with this subchapter. No other person may conduct a raffle in this state.

SECTION 2. 563.908 of the statutes is renumbered 563.908 (1).

SECTION 3. 563.908 (2) and (3) of the statutes are created to read:

563.908 (2) Except as provided under sub. (3), a qualified organization under s. 563.907 may not conduct a raffle unless it first receives a license under s. 563.92.

(3) A qualified organization under s. 563.907 that has not received a license under s. 563.92 may conduct a raffle if all of the following apply:

(a) The raffle tickets are offered for sale only to members of the qualified organization.
(b) The prize is a cash award equal to one-half of the ticket proceeds, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.
(c) The prize does not exceed $500.
(d) The qualified organization complies with the requirements of s. 563.935 and all other applicable requirements of this subchapter.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”