

December 17, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: To All House Members

FROM: Representative Sheryl M. Delozier

SUBJECT: Re-introduction of House Bill 169
Changes to the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act

As session commences in January, I intend to re-introduce Rep. Solobay's bill from last session (HB169) that amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act. This bill has been introduced and passed from the House for the past several sessions without the Senate taking action. During the 09-10 session, the proposal passed the House (166-24), but "died" in the Senate Finance Committee. This session, I plan to introduce the bill with the same number: HB169.

The bill includes the following updates:

- Allow organizations to raise money for general operating expenses, as well as public interest purposes,
- Increase the payout limit of \$5,000 per seven day period for small games of chance to \$20,000 per seven day period,
- Eliminate advertising restrictions on small games of chance,
- Allow progressive games in small games of chance,
- Increase top tier payouts for a single winner in small games of chance to \$1,000,
- Require winning tickets to be treated in accordance with IRS regulations for reporting purposes,
- Make insured small games of chance available, and
- Allow more than one small games of chance license per building.

As I am sure you are aware, the clubs and organizations have been supporting this legislation for years as a way to increase their membership as well as increase their donations to philanthropic efforts.

Because these organizations are an integral part of our communities, I believe this legislation is needed to provide additional assistance for them to continue their efforts.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jennifer Haines in my office at jhaines@pahousegop.com or 783-5282.

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