

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §47-21A-5

§47-21A-5. Annual license; online raffle occasion not considered a sports wagering activity; online raffle occasion not considered an interactive wagering activity; conditions on holding of online raffles.

(a) A charitable or public service organization, or institution of higher education, or any of its auxiliaries, affiliated nonprofit corporations or other entities, trusts, collectives, or other organizations otherwise affiliated with it, may apply for an annual license. Only one license per year in the aggregate may be granted to a charitable or public service organization, or institution of higher education, and all of its auxiliaries, affiliated nonprofit corporations or other entities, trusts, collectives, or other associations or organizations otherwise affiliated with it: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section, the various branches, chapters, or lodges of any national association or organization or local churches of a nationally organized church are not considered affiliates or auxiliaries of each other. The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code, to provide for the manner for determining to which organization, whether the parent organization, an affiliate, or an auxiliary, the one license allowed under this section is granted. An annual license is valid for one year from the date of issuance. Charitable or public service organizations, or institution of higher education, may not hold a joint online raffle occasion under any annual licenses.

(b) Any online raffle occasion, conducted by a licensee which holds an annual license and is an institution of higher education, shall not be considered as a sports wagering activity as contemplated in §29-22D-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(c) Any online raffle occasion, conducted by a licensee which holds an annual license and is an institution of higher education, shall not be considered as an interactive wagering activity as contemplated in §29-22E-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(d) The Tax Commissioner shall provide on his or her website a list of every active and approved licensee to conduct an online raffle occasion. A licensee shall provide a conspicuous hyperlink on any online raffle ticket that is purchased by a patron to the Tax Commissioner's website. A licensee shall conspicuously display at its physical location, that was provided on its application, the approved license to conduct an online raffle.