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**PERMIT APPLICATION FOR
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT RAFFLE**

(PER RSA 287-A)

Please describe the raffle below:

See reverse side for New
Hampshire state laws regarding
raffles (RSA 287-A).

Date of drawing: _____

Prizes: _____

___ Check here if raffle is a 50/50.

___ Check here if raffle is part of a Bingo game.

I, _____, of _____
(name of representative) (address and phone number)

representing _____
(name of charitable organization)

WHICH IS HOLDING A RAFFLE, AGREE TO CONDUCT SUCH RAFFLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 287-A.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature for approval:

Permit approved: ___ (check)

Permit number assigned: _____

Date permit issued: _____

Signature, Town Administrator

Date

TITLE XXIV: GAMES, AMUSEMENTS, AND ATHLETIC EXHIBITIONS

CHAPTER 287-A: RAFFLES

General Provisions

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287-A:1 Definitions. – As used in this chapter:

I. "Raffle" means a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or articles put up as a prize with the winner being determined by a random drawing.

II. "Charitable organization" means the following:

(a) Any person or entity that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section now exists or may hereafter be amended; or

(b) Any other person or entity that is or holds itself out to be established, in whole or in part, for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, social, sporting, recreational, or other charitable purpose which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or political committee or political party which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. "Charitable organization" is not limited to those organizations to which contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

III. "50/50 raffle" means a raffle conducted by a charitable organization whereby moneys collected by sale of raffle tickets are split evenly between the prize winner or winners and the charitable organization after the raffle drawing.

Source. 1971, 43:1. 1973, 270:1. 1999, 306:1. 2000, 115:1, eff. July 7, 2000.

287-A:2 Raffle Authorized. – A charitable organization may conduct a raffle to promote the purpose for which it was organized, in the manner hereinafter provided, and not otherwise.

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

287-A:3 Printed Tickets. – All raffle tickets shall be printed with the name of the charitable organization thereon, the date and place of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded and the amount of the donation.

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

287-A:4 Distribution of Tickets. – Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 years of age or over and no raffle tickets shall be sold by persons other than the members of the charitable organization or such person or persons, as may be designated by the organization, and who shall receive no financial remuneration.

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

287-A:5 Agency Not Permitted. – No charitable organization shall act as an agent for conducting a raffle, where it is unlawful for the charitable organization's principal to conduct such a raffle.

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

287-A:6 Effect on Other Laws. – RSA 647 shall not apply to the sale of raffle tickets in the manner provided for in this chapter.

Source. 1971, 43:1. 1973, 40:4, eff. Nov. 1, 1973.

287-A:7 Permit Required. – Any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle under the provisions of this chapter shall first obtain a permit therefore from the selectmen or designee of the town, or the mayor and aldermen or designee of the city where the drawing for prizes is to be held. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the permit shall expire at the time of the drawing and shall not be transferable. At the request of the charitable organization to conduct more than one raffle, the governing body may extend the permit to one year from the date of issuance.

Source. 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971. 2011, 94:1, eff. July 1, 2011.