

Public Hearing- Small Games of Chance (Clubs/Eligible Organizations)
Feb. 25, 2015

Testifiers:

- Jeff Topper, President, New Oxford Social and Athletic Club
- Cork Livelsberger, Club Manager, New Oxford Social and Athletic Club
- Ted Mowatt, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Federation of Fraternal and Social Organizations
- Thomas Helsel, Secretary, Pennsylvania Association of Nationally Chartered Organizations

Key Points:

- Larger clubs are constrained by the weekly prize limit currently under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act (SGOC Act), which is \$35,000.
- An elimination of the weekly limit could potentially result in a 300% increase in charitable donations generated from small games.
- Clubs would like the ability to offer “Monte Carlo Nights” to club members.
- The current SGOC reporting system administered by the Department of Revenue is not user friendly.
 - Clubs with liquor licenses are required under the SGOC Act to submit an annual report to the Department of Revenue if their proceeds from SGOCs exceed \$20,000 in a calendar year.
 - The report must include the total amount of revenue generated from each SGOC and prizes awarded, which must be itemized by week.
 - The Department requires the annual report to be filed online through the Department’s website.
 - To date, the filing deadline for the annual report has been postponed 2 times due to technical difficulties with the website.