

1 H.386

2 Introduced by Representative Partridge of Windham

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Criminal procedures; gambling and lotteries; contests; fees

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to permit the operator of a contest to
7 charge nominal fees to participants if the fees are used solely to offset the costs
8 of administering the contest. The bill also provides that Vermont's prohibition
9 on charging fees to enter contests does not prohibit a person from paying a fee
10 to enter a contest in a state which permits such fees to be charged.

11 An act relating to contest fees

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2143b is amended to read:

14 § 2143b. CONTESTS AND SWEEPSTAKES

15 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person may organize,
16 execute, or participate in a contest or game of chance, including a sweepstakes,
17 provided that persons who enter the contest or game of chance are not required
18 to venture money or other valuable things. The cost of mailing an entry shall
19 not be considered a venture of money or other valuable things.

1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a person may be charged
2 a nominal fee to participate in a contest if the fee is used solely to offset the
3 costs of administering the contest.

4 (c) This section shall not be construed to prohibit a person from paying a
5 fee to enter a contest in a state which permits such fees to be charged.