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2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General

4 Affairs

5 Date: January 11, 2013

6 Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; gambling and lotteries; contests and

7 sweepstakes

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow persons to participate in

9 out-of-state contests requiring a fee to enter.

10 An act relating to allowing participation in out-of-state contests requiring a  
11 fee to enter

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 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person may organize,  
16 execute<sub>2</sub> 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. This section~~

1 ~~shall not be construed to prohibit a person from paying a fee of \$100.00 or less~~  
2 to enter a contest in a state which permits such fees to be charged.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.~~

*Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 2481x is added to read:*

§ 2481x. ENTRY FEES; GAMES NOT BASED ON CHANCE

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a person from requiring or paying any kind of entry fee, service charge, purchase, or similar consideration in order to enter, or continue to remain eligible for, a game of skill or other promotion that is not based on chance.

*Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 2143b is amended to read:*

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Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person may organize, execute, or participate in a contest or game of chance, including a sweepstakes, provided that persons who enter the contest or game of chance are not required to venture money or other valuable things. The cost of mailing an entry shall not be considered a venture of money or other valuable things. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a person from organizing, executing, or participating in a contest that is not a contest of chance.

*Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on passage.*