

**NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
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(AMENDMENT) ACT 2025**

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**AN ACT** to amend the Gaming and Recreation Prohibition Act 1998 to strengthen penalties for violations by increasing the classification of the offenses from a misdemeanour to a felony in the third degree, to increase the maximum fine, to extend term of imprisonment, and other related purposes thereto.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**§101. Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Gaming and Recreation Prohibition (Amendment) Act 2025.

**§102. Amendment.**

*(1) Section 403 is hereby amended to exempt bingo, raffles, and cakewalks for charitable or community purposes from non-profit requirements to read as follows:*

**§403. Exemptions.**

- (1) It is the legislative intent that this Chapter shall not prohibit activities by nonprofit organizations that involve the gaming activities of bingo, raffles and cakewalks for the purpose of raising funds, and are solely in furtherance of the stated purposes of the nonprofit organizations.
- (2) In order to conduct gaming or gambling activities under subsection (1), a permit must be obtained for each occasion from the appropriate local government council who shall issue such permit for a cost, not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per permit.

- (2) *Section 404 of the gaming and recreation prohibition Act 1998 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

**§404. Penalties.**

- (1) **Criminal Penalties.** Any person, natural or corporate, who violates Section 402 of this Chapter shall be guilty of a felony of the third degree, and shall upon conviction be liable for a fine not to exceed five (5) thousand dollars (\$5,000) or a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty-five months, or both.
- (2) **Civil Penalties.** In addition to the above stated criminal penalties there shall be a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per day for each day a violation continues.

**§103. Effective Date.**

This act shall be effective on the date of certification pursuant to the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

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**CERTIFICATE**

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**I hereby certify:**

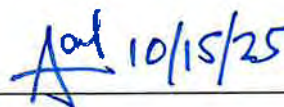
1. That Nitijela Bill No: **63ND1** was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the **1<sup>st</sup>** day of **October** 2025; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No: **63ND1** was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

 10/15/2025

**Hon. Isaac Zackhras**  
Vice Speaker  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

**Attest:**

 10/15/25

**Carl Alik**  
Acting Clerk  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

Gaming and Recreation Prohibition (Amendment) Act 2025

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