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Redefines "raffle" in charitable gambling law to include games in which chances are represented by shares or other certificates of participation. Under present law raffles require tickets.

Requires that when a raffle ticket, share, or certificate of participation does not list all prizes to be awarded, a list of the additional prizes must be publicly posted at the event and copies made available on request. Under present law copies must be made available on request but do not have to be posted.

Requires raffles to be conducted so as to ensure:

- all entries have equal chance of selection
- entry is not conditioned on other purchase
- method of selecting winners is conducted in public forum
- method of selection may not be manipulated or based on outcome of some other event
- physical presence at raffle is not required to win
- all sold and unsold tickets, shares, or participation certificates are accounted for
- only eligible persons are allowed to participate