

**ABATE of Illinois SUPPORTs HB3538** - Short Description: GAMING-  
POKER RUNS - Keith Wheeler- Thomas Bennett, Jehan A. Gordon-  
Booth, Steven Andersson and Anthony DeLuca Synopsis as  
Introduced:

*Amends the Raffles and Poker Runs Act. Redefines "poker run". Allows bona fide not-for-profit organizations to be licensed to hold poker runs. Provides that the governing body of any county shall (rather than may) establish a system for the licensing of organizations to operate poker runs. Makes changes concerning which organizations shall be issued poker run licenses under the Act and the purposes for these licenses. Removes the requirement that poker runs by an organization be under the supervision of a single manager designated by the organization and associated bond requirements. Makes changes in provisions concerning records. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.*

New Poker Run Language This bill will make it easier for county governments to understand the language and allows not for profit organization/clubs to do poker runs to make themselves financially fit in order to do poker runs for Charities. This bill just makes it easier for not-for-profit clubs/organizations to help people who are in need of a helping hand and Charities such as March of Dimes, Shriners, St. Jude's and other national and municipal charities such as local food banks, shelters for battered women, "Special Olympics" and other civic organizations. This is what Bikers do best – Helping those in need.

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