

HB0543



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0543

by Rep. Jay Hoffman

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 25/2

from Ch. 120, par. 1102

Amends the Bingo License and Tax Act. Removes a provision providing that no person except a bona fide member or employee of a sponsoring organization may participate in the management or operation of bingo. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Bingo License and Tax Act is amended by
5 changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 25/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 1102)

7 Sec. 2. The conducting of bingo is subject to the following
8 restrictions:

9 (1) The entire net proceeds from bingo play must be
10 exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the
11 organization permitted to conduct that game.

12 (2) (Blank).

13 (2.5) (Blank). ~~No person except a bona fide member or~~
14 ~~employee of the sponsoring organization may participate in~~
15 ~~the management or operation of bingo.~~

16 (3) No person may receive any remuneration or profit
17 for participating in the management or operation of the
18 game, except that if an organization licensed under this
19 Act is associated with a school or other educational
20 institution, that school or institution may reduce tuition
21 or fees for a designated pupil based on participation in
22 the management or operation of the game by any member of
23 the organization. The extent to which tuition and fees are

1 reduced shall relate proportionately to the amount of time
2 volunteered by the member, as determined by the school or
3 other educational institution.

4 (4) The aggregate retail value of all prizes or
5 merchandise awarded in any single day of bingo may not
6 exceed \$2,250, except that in adjoining counties having
7 200,000 to 275,000 inhabitants each, and in counties which
8 are adjacent to either of such adjoining counties and are
9 adjacent to a total of not more than 2 counties in this
10 State, and in any municipality having 2,500 or more
11 inhabitants and within one mile of such adjoining and
12 adjacent counties having less than 25,000 inhabitants, 2
13 additional bingo games may be conducted after the \$2,250
14 limit has been reached. The prize awarded for any one game,
15 including any game conducted after reaching the \$2,250
16 limit as authorized in this paragraph (4), may not exceed
17 \$500 cash or its equivalent.

18 (5) The number of games, including regular and special
19 games, may not exceed 25 in any one day, except that this
20 restriction on the number of games shall not apply to bingo
21 conducted at the Illinois State Fair or any county fair
22 held in Illinois.

23 (6) The price paid for a single card under the license
24 may not exceed \$1 and such card is valid for all regular
25 games on that day of bingo. A maximum of 5 special games
26 may be held on each bingo day, except that this restriction

1 on the number of special games shall not apply to bingo
2 conducted at the Illinois State Fair or any county fair
3 held in Illinois. The price for a single special game card
4 may not exceed 50 cents.

5 (7) The number of bingo days conducted by a licensee
6 under this Act is limited to one per week, except as
7 follows:

8 (i) Bingo may be conducted in accordance with the terms
9 of a special operator's permit or limited license
10 issued under subdivision (7) or (8) of Section 1.3.

11 (ii) Bingo may be conducted at the Illinois State Fair
12 or any county fair held in Illinois under subdivision
13 (6) of Section 1.3.

14 (iii) A licensee which cancels a day of bingo because
15 of inclement weather or because the day is a holiday or
16 the eve of a holiday may, after giving notice to the
17 Department, conduct bingo on an additional date which
18 falls on a day of the week other than the day
19 authorized under the license.

20 (8) A licensee may rent a premises on which to conduct
21 bingo only from an organization which is licensed as a
22 provider of premises or exempt from license requirements
23 under this Act. If the organization providing the premises
24 is a metropolitan exposition, auditorium, and office
25 building authority created by State law, a licensee may
26 enter into a rental agreement with the organization

1 authorizing the licensee and the organization to share the
2 gross proceeds of bingo games; however, the organization
3 shall not receive more than 50% of the gross proceeds.

4 (9) No person under the age of 18 years may play or
5 participate in the conducting of bingo. Any person under
6 the age of 18 years may be within the area where bingo is
7 being played only when accompanied by his parent or
8 guardian.

9 (10) The promoter of bingo games must have a
10 proprietary interest in the game promoted.

11 (11) Raffles or other forms of gambling prohibited by
12 law shall not be conducted on the premises where bingo is
13 being conducted, except that pull tabs and jar games
14 conducted under the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act
15 may be conducted on the premises where bingo is being
16 conducted. Prizes awarded in pull tabs and jar games shall
17 not be included in the bingo prize limitation.

18 (12) Organizations may be issued a special permit or
19 limited license no more than 2 times in any year. An
20 organization holding a special operator's permit or a
21 limited license may, as one of the occasions allowed by
22 such permit or license, conduct bingo for a maximum of 2
23 consecutive days. If an organization conducts bingo
24 pursuant to a limited license or special permit, then the
25 number of games played during each day may exceed 25, and
26 regular game cards need not be valid for all regular games.

1 If only noncash prizes are awarded during such occasions,
2 the prize limits stated in subdivision (4) of this Section
3 shall not apply, provided that the retail value of noncash
4 prizes for any single game shall not exceed \$150.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-228, eff. 8-16-07.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.