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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 738

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 738 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Bingo License and Tax Act is amended by
5 changing Section 1.3 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 25/1.3)

7 Sec. 1.3. Restrictions on licensure. Licensing for the
8 conducting of bingo is subject to the following restrictions:

9 (1) The license application, when submitted to the
10 Department, must contain a sworn statement attesting to the
11 not-for-profit character of the prospective licensee
12 organization, signed by a person listed on the application
13 as an owner, officer, or other person in charge of the
14 necessary day-to-day operations of that organization.

15 (2) The license application shall be prepared in
16 accordance with the rules of the Department.

1 (3) The licensee shall prominently display the license
2 in the area where the licensee conducts bingo. The licensee
3 shall likewise display, in the form and manner as
4 prescribed by the Department, the provisions of Section 8
5 of this Act.

6 (4) Each license shall state the day of the week, hours
7 and at which location the licensee is permitted to conduct
8 bingo games.

9 (5) A license is not assignable or transferable.

10 (6) A license authorizes the licensee to conduct the
11 game commonly known as bingo, in which prizes are awarded
12 on the basis of designated numbers or symbols on a card
13 conforming to numbers or symbols selected at random.

14 (7) The Department may, on special application made by
15 any organization having a bingo license, issue a special
16 permit for conducting bingo at other premises and on other
17 days not exceeding 5 consecutive days, except that a
18 licensee may conduct bingo at the Illinois State Fair or
19 any county fair held in Illinois during each day that the
20 fair is held, without a fee. Bingo games conducted at the
21 Illinois State Fair or a county fair shall not require a
22 special permit. No more than 2 special permits may be
23 issued in one year to any one organization.

24 (8) Any organization qualified for a license but not
25 holding one may, upon application and payment of a
26 nonrefundable fee of \$50, receive a limited license to

1 conduct bingo games at no more than 2 indoor or outdoor
2 festivals in a year for a maximum of 5 consecutive days on
3 each occasion. No more than 2 limited licenses under this
4 item (7) may be issued to any organization in any year. A
5 limited license must be prominently displayed at the site
6 where the bingo games are conducted.

7 (9) Senior citizens organizations may conduct bingo
8 without a license or fee, subject to the following
9 conditions:

10 (A) bingo shall be conducted only at a facility
11 that is owned by a unit of local government to which
12 the corporate authorities have given their approval
13 and that is used to provide social services or a
14 meeting place to senior citizens, or in common areas in
15 multi-unit federally assisted rental housing
16 maintained solely for the elderly and handicapped;

17 (B) the price paid for a single card shall not
18 exceed 50 ~~5~~ cents;

19 (C) the aggregate retail value of all prizes or
20 merchandise awarded in any one game of bingo shall not
21 exceed \$5 ~~\$1~~;

22 (D) no person or organization shall participate in
23 the management or operation of bingo under this item
24 (9) if the person or organization would be ineligible
25 for a license under this Section; and

26 (E) no license is required to provide premises for

1 bingo conducted under this item (9).

2 (10) Bingo equipment shall not be used for any purpose
3 other than for the play of bingo.

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

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