

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 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.

17 (3) The licensee shall prominently display the license  
18 in the area where the licensee conducts bingo. The licensee  
19 shall likewise display, in the form and manner as  
20 prescribed by the Department, the provisions of Section 8  
21 of this Act.

22 (4) Each license shall state the day of the week, hours  
23 and at which location the licensee is permitted to conduct

1 bingo games.

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

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

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

17 (8) Any organization qualified for a license but not  
18 holding one may, upon application and payment of a  
19 nonrefundable fee of \$50, receive a limited license to  
20 conduct bingo games at no more than 2 indoor or outdoor  
21 festivals in a year for a maximum of 5 consecutive days on  
22 each occasion. No more than 2 limited licenses under this  
23 item (7) may be issued to any organization in any year. A  
24 limited license must be prominently displayed at the site  
25 where the bingo games are conducted.

26 (9) Senior citizens organizations may conduct bingo

1 without a license or fee, subject to the following  
2 conditions:

3 (A) bingo shall be conducted only (i) at a facility  
4 that is owned by a unit of local government to which  
5 the corporate authorities have given their approval  
6 and that is used to provide social services or a  
7 meeting place to senior citizens, ~~or~~ (ii) in common  
8 areas in multi-unit federally assisted rental housing  
9 maintained solely for the elderly and handicapped, or  
10 (iii) at a building owned by a church or veterans  
11 organization;

12 (B) the price paid for a single card shall not  
13 exceed 50 cents;

14 (C) the aggregate retail value of all prizes or  
15 merchandise awarded in any one game of bingo shall not  
16 exceed \$5;

17 (D) no person or organization shall participate in  
18 the management or operation of bingo under this item  
19 (9) if the person or organization would be ineligible  
20 for a license under this Section; and

21 (E) no license is required to provide premises for  
22 bingo conducted under this item (9).

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

25 (Source: P.A. 95-228, eff. 8-16-07; 96-210, eff. 8-10-09.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.