
HOUSE BILL 2869

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By Representatives Brumsickle and Chappell

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1 AN ACT Relating to bingo; and amending RCW 9.46.0205.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0205 and 1987 c 4 s 3 are each amended to read as
4 follows:

5 "Bingo," as used in this chapter, means a game conducted only in
6 the county within which the organization is principally located in
7 which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated numbers or symbols
8 on a card conforming to numbers or symbols selected at random and in
9 which no cards are sold except at the time and place of said game, when
10 said game is conducted by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit
11 organization which does not conduct or allow its premises to be used
12 for conducting bingo on more than three occasions per week and which
13 does not conduct bingo in any location which is used for conducting
14 bingo on more than three occasions per week, except that premises of a
15 bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization located in a county with
16 a population under eighty thousand may be used for conducting bingo on
17 more than three occasions per week by another bona fide charitable or
18 nonprofit organization located in the same county, or if an
19 agricultural fair authorized under chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW, which

1 does not conduct bingo on more than twelve consecutive days in any
2 calendar year, and except in the case of any agricultural fair as
3 authorized under chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW, no person other than a
4 bona fide member or an employee of said organization takes any part in
5 the management or operation of said game, and no person who takes any
6 part in the management or operation of said game takes any part in the
7 management or operation of any game conducted by any other organization
8 or any other branch of the same organization, unless approved by the
9 commission, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to the benefit of
10 any person other than the organization conducting said game. For the
11 purposes of this section, the organization shall be deemed to be
12 principally located in the county within which it has its primary
13 business office. If the organization has no business office, the
14 organization shall be deemed to be located in the county of principal
15 residence of its chief executive officer: PROVIDED, That any
16 organization which is conducting any licensed and established bingo
17 game in any locale as of January 1, 1981, shall be exempt from the
18 requirement that such game be conducted in the county in which the
19 organization is principally located.

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