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By Senators Bauer, Deccio and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to bingo games and licenses; amending RCW
2 9.46.0205; adding a new section to chapter 9.46 RCW; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

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

7 "Bingo," as used in this chapter, means a game conducted (~~only in~~
8 ~~the county~~) exclusively within (~~which the organization is principally~~
9 ~~located~~) the state of Washington in which prizes are awarded on the
10 basis of designated numbers or symbols on a card or a facsimile thereof
11 conforming to numbers or symbols selected at random and in which no
12 cards are sold except at the time and place of said game, when said
13 game is conducted by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization
14 which does not conduct or allow its premises to be used for conducting
15 bingo on more than three occasions per week and which does not conduct
16 bingo in any location which is used for conducting bingo on more than
17 three occasions per week, or if an agricultural fair authorized under
18 chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW, which does not conduct bingo on more than
19 twelve consecutive days in any calendar year, and except in the case of

1 any agricultural fair as authorized under chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW,
2 unless approved by the commission, no person other than a bona fide
3 member or an employee of said organization takes any part in the
4 management or operation of said game, and no person who takes any part
5 in the management or operation of said game takes any part in the
6 management or operation of any game conducted by any other organization
7 or any other branch of the same organization, unless approved by the
8 commission, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to the benefit of
9 any person other than the organization conducting said game. ((For the
10 purposes of this section, the organization shall be deemed to be
11 principally located in the county within which it has its primary
12 business office. If the organization has no business office, the
13 organization shall be deemed to be located in the county of principal
14 residence of its chief executive officer: PROVIDED, That any
15 organization which is conducting any licensed and established bingo
16 game in any locale as of January 1, 1981, shall be exempt from the
17 requirement that such game be conducted in the county in which the
18 organization is principally located.))

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) Notwithstanding RCW 9.46.070, the commission may not issue any
22 new licenses under RCW 9.46.070(1) until July 1, 2005.

23 (2) The commission may allow existing licensees to share facilities
24 at one location.

25 (3) This section expires July 1, 2006.

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