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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, Clements, Conway, B. Chandler, Kenney, Lisk and Eickmeyer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing bona fide charitable and nonprofit
2 organizations to conduct electronic bingo; and amending RCW 9.46.0205.

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

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

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

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

17 (2) "Bingo" includes games conducted through an approved system of
18 linked electronic bingo terminals located at one or more licensed bingo
19 locations with the numbers or symbols selected at a single licensed
20 location as of January 1, 2001, for all terminals on the system. The
21 commission shall adopt rules for the testing, regulation, approval, and
22 licensing of bingo games conducted through any system of linked
23 electronic bingo terminals. Licensees are limited to no more than
24 fifty linked bingo terminals per location. Notwithstanding subsection
25 (1) of this section, bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations
26 may allow their premises to be used five days per week to conduct bingo
27 games using linked electronic bingo terminals.

28 It is the intent of the legislature in authorizing systems of
29 linked electronic bingo terminals that games played on such systems
30 shall only include bingo games with electronic facsimiles of bingo
31 displayed on the screen and with all players on the system competing
32 against each other to match the numbers or symbols drawn in the game.
33 Nothing in this section authorizes any form of slot machine or any
34 other type of electronic gaming device wherein a player competes
35 directly against the device.

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