
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5429

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By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions
(originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and West)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing bona fide charitable and nonprofit
2 organizations to conduct bingo; amending RCW 9.46.0205; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 9.46 RCW.

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

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

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

20 (1) Notwithstanding RCW 9.46.070, the commission may not issue any
21 new licenses for bingo under RCW 9.46.070(1) until July 1, 2007.

22 (2) The commission may allow existing bingo licensees under RCW
23 9.46.070(1) to share facilities at one location.

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