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HOUSE BILL 1707

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By Representatives Kloba, Reed, and Eslick

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1 AN ACT Relating to bingo conducted by bona fide charitable or  
2 nonprofit organizations; 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 2002 c 369 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 "Bingo," as used in this chapter, means a game (~~conducted only~~  
7 ~~in the county within which the organization is principally located~~)  
8 in which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated numbers or  
9 symbols on a card conforming to numbers or symbols selected at random  
10 and in which no cards are sold except at the time and place of  
11 (~~said~~) the game, when (~~said~~) the game is conducted by a bona fide  
12 charitable or nonprofit organization, or if an agricultural fair  
13 authorized under chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW, which does not conduct  
14 bingo on more than twelve consecutive days in any calendar year, and  
15 except in the case of any agricultural fair as authorized under  
16 chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW, no person other than a bona fide member  
17 or an employee of said organization takes any part in the management  
18 or operation of said game, and no person who takes any part in the  
19 management or operation of said game takes any part in the management  
20 or operation of any game conducted by any other organization or any  
21 other branch of the same organization, unless approved by the

1 commission, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to the benefit  
2 of any person other than the organization conducting said game. (~~For~~  
3 ~~the purposes of this section, the organization shall be deemed to be~~  
4 ~~principally located in the county within which it has its primary~~  
5 ~~business office. If the organization has no business office, the~~  
6 ~~organization shall be deemed to be located in the county of principal~~  
7 ~~residence of its chief executive officer: PROVIDED, That any~~  
8 ~~organization which is conducting any licensed and established bingo~~  
9 ~~game in any locale as of January 1, 1981, shall be exempt from the~~  
10 ~~requirement that such game be conducted in the county in which the~~  
11 ~~organization is principally located)) The bona fide charitable or  
12 nonprofit organization must be principally located in the state of  
13 Washington and may not be approved for more than three licenses to  
14 conduct bingo activities.~~

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