



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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The committee adopted amendments that did the following:

Modifies the definition of "charitable organization" by providing that a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is created by a veteran's organization or a fraternal organization does not have to have been in continuous existence as such in this state for a period of two years immediately preceding either the making of an application for a bingo license under R.C. 2915.08 or the conducting of any scheme of chance or game of chance, and provides that this type of organization is not limited in the number of separate locations it may conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session.

Modifies the definition of "volunteer firefighter's organization" to require it to be recognized or ratified by a county, township, or municipal corporation.

Modifies the definition of "bingo session" to include a two-hour period before or after regular bingo for the conduct of instant and seal cards.

Includes a definition of "slot machine," "net profits from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo," and "deal of instant bingo tickets."

Prohibits the playing of bingo, games of chance, and schemes of chance, whether or not a charitable organization conducts them, in a premises where beer or liquor is sold for on-premises consumption, except for veteran's organizations and fraternal organizations conducting bingo, games of chance, and schemes of chance as permitted by the bill.

Creates a license that authorizes certain charitable organizations to conduct instant bingo at a bingo session and instant bingo other than at a bingo session and modifies the

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.

fees for a license to conduct bingo, a license to conduct instant bingo at a bingo session, and a license to conduct bingo other than at a bingo session.

Removes the prohibition against a distributor or manufacturer selling, offering to sell, leasing, offering to lease, or otherwise providing or offering to provide bingo cards or sheets other than uniquely identifiable bingo cards or sheets or reselling or reusing uniquely identifiable bingo cards or sheets, including electronic representations or image formats, and removes the requirement that a charitable organization not use bingo cards or sheets other than uniquely identifiable bingo cards or sheets and only resell or reuse uniquely identifiable bingo cards or sheets, including electronic representations or image formats.

Removes the requirement that a manufacturer receive payment by check not later than 45 days after the date the manufacturer ships bingo supplies to a distributor.

Removes the authorization for a charitable organization that conducts instant bingo raffles, or punch boards not simultaneously with regular bingo to deduct a sum of not more than five per cent of the gross receipts as consideration for the use of the premises.

Changes the requirement regarding the number of bingo faces played from 144 to 54.

Prohibits a charitable organization from allowing a person under the age of 18 from playing regular bingo.

Prohibits a charitable organization from purchasing, leasing, or using instant bingo ticket dispensers to sell instant bingo tickets or cards.

Prohibits a charitable organization from conducting more than 36 raffles during a calendar year.

Prohibits a person from being compensated directly or indirectly for assisting in the conduct or operation of a raffle.

Prohibits a raffle drawing from being conducted on premises other than the premises that a charitable organization uses for its charitable programs.

Removes the requirement that a distributor include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all bingo cards and sheets in the record it must maintain.

Provides that the veteran's organizations, fraternal organizations, and other charitable organizations are not required to itemize their organizational expenses.

Provides specific procedures for a veteran's organization or fraternal organization to conduct the sale of instant bingo.



Allows the Attorney General to enter into a written contract with any other state agency to delegate to that state agency the Attorney General's powers under the Charitable Gaming Law.

Allows the Attorney General to adopt rules to determine the requirements for a charitable organization that is exempt from federal income taxation and is described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to be in good standing in the state.

Makes other changes to the Charitable Gaming Law.

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