

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: CS/SB 1170

SPONSOR: Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Sebesta

SUBJECT: Bingo/Elderly or Disabled Facilities

DATE: April 13, 2000 **REVISED:** _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Wimsett</u>	<u>Guthrie</u>	<u>RI</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
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I. Summary:

This bill authorizes bingo games at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, multiservice senior centers, continuing care facilities, and government-financed or government-insured housing for the elderly.

The bill amends s. 849.0931, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

Section 849.0931, F.S., provides rules and regulations regarding bingo. The section provides governing definitions and describes the types of organizations that are authorized to conduct bingo. Charitable, nonprofit, and veterans' organizations are authorized to conduct bingo. Likewise, condominium associations, cooperative associations, homeowners' associations, mobile homeowners' associations, and a group of residents of a mobile home park or recreational vehicle park, are authorized to conduct bingo.

Charitable, nonprofit and veterans' organizations may use bingo proceeds that remain after prizes have been awarded to support and fund their various charitable endeavors. The residential groups that are authorized to conduct bingo games may use net proceeds to make donations to charitable, tax-exempt, organizations. These groups also have the option of carrying over the proceeds for use as prize money in subsequent games under certain conditions.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 849.0931, F.S., is amended to expand the list of organizations that are authorized to conduct bingo to include nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, intermediate care facilities for developmentally disabled persons, multiservice senior centers,

continuing care facilities,¹ and government-financed or government insured housing for the elderly.

The games must be held in the facility and played only by residents, clients, or guests. The games must be conducted by residents, staff, or volunteers of the facility, and neither the facility nor any third party may derive financial benefit from the games. Nonresidents are prohibited from claiming prizes. Any net proceeds may be donated by residents or clients to projects or activities of their choice.

Any county or municipality that regulates bingo shall exempt the games conducted pursuant to this section from regulation and fees.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

It is unclear whether bingo games at the specified would be exempt from the technical game provisions set out in subsection (12) of s. 849.0931, F.S. This subsection contemplates fairly

¹ These are the facilities contemplated by formal reference in the bill to facilities “licensed or authorized under part II, part III, part V, or part XI of chapter 400, [F.S.], chapter 651, [F.S.] or. s. 430.206, [F.S.]”

sophisticated bingo operations that may be beyond the scope of the games conducted at these facilities.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
