

By the Committee on Elder Affairs & Long-Term Care and Representatives Argenziano, Fiorentino, Littlefield, Russell, Levine, Waters, Rubio, Kosmas, Reddick and Bitner

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bingo games at facilities
3 for elderly or disabled adults; amending s.
4 849.0931, F.S.; authorizing bingo games for
5 residents or clients of certain facilities for
6 the elderly or disabled, and their guests;
7 providing conditions; prohibiting nonresidents
8 from claiming prizes; providing for use of
9 proceeds; providing exemption from local
10 regulation and fees; providing an effective
11 date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 849.0931, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (5) through (13) are
17 renumbered as subsections (6) through (14), respectively, a
18 new subsection (5) is added to said section, and paragraph (f)
19 is added to present subsection (11), to read:

20 849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;
21 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.--

22 (3) If an organization is not engaged in efforts of
23 the type set out above, its right to conduct bingo games
24 hereunder is conditioned upon the return of all the proceeds
25 from such games to the players in the form of prizes. If at
26 the conclusion of play on any day during which a bingo game is
27 allowed to be played under this section there remain proceeds
28 which have not been paid out as prizes, the organization
29 conducting the game shall at the next scheduled day of play
30 conduct bingo games without any charge to the players and
31 shall continue to do so until the proceeds carried over from

1 the previous days played have been exhausted. This provision
2 in no way extends the limitation on the number of prize or
3 jackpot games allowed in one day as provided for in subsection
4 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~.

5 (5) Bingo games for residents or clients of a facility
6 licensed or authorized under part II, part III, part V, or
7 part XI of chapter 400, chapter 651, or s. 430.206, and their
8 guests, or for residents of government-financed or
9 government-insured housing for the elderly and their guests,
10 may be conducted if such games are held in the facility,
11 played exclusively by residents or clients, and their guests,
12 and conducted by residents, staff, or volunteers of the
13 facility, and if neither the facility nor any third party
14 derives financial benefit from such games. Nonresidents are
15 prohibited from claiming prizes. Such winnings by nonresidents
16 shall be contributed to the fund for residents of the
17 facility. Any net proceeds remaining after paying prizes may
18 be donated by residents or clients who organize the games to
19 projects or activities of their choice. Any county or
20 municipality that regulates the playing of bingo shall exempt
21 bingo games conducted pursuant to this section from regulation
22 and fees.

23 ~~(12)~~~~(11)~~ Bingo games may be held only on the following
24 premises:

25 (f) Property licensed or authorized under part II,
26 part III, part V, or part XI of chapter 400, chapter 651, or
27 s. 430.206, or property financed or insured by the government
28 as housing for the elderly, when the bingo games comply with
29 the requirements in subsection (5).

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
31 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Authorizes bingo games at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, multiservice senior centers, and certain government-financed or government-insured housing, for residents or clients, and their guests, provided the games are conducted by residents, staff, or volunteers and neither the facility nor any third party benefits financially. Prohibits nonresidents from claiming prizes and provides for disposition of such winnings. Authorizes donation of proceeds by residents or clients to projects or activities of their choice. Exempts such games from county and municipal regulation and fees.