

By Representative Wishner

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to bingo; amending s. 849.0931,  
3           F.S.; defining the terms "instant bingo" and  
4           "package"; providing rules for the operation of  
5           instant bingo games; providing an effective  
6           date.

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

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10           Section 1. Subsections (1), (5), (6), and (7) of  
11           section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, are amended, and  
12           subsection (13) is added to that section, to read:

13                   849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;  
14           permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.--

15           (1) As used in this section:

16           (a) "Bingo game" means and refers to the activity,  
17           commonly known as "bingo," in which participants pay a sum of  
18           money for the use of one or more bingo cards. When the game  
19           commences, numbers are drawn by chance, one by one, and  
20           announced. The players cover or mark those numbers on the  
21           bingo cards which they have purchased until a player receives  
22           a given order of numbers in sequence that has been  
23           preannounced for that particular game. This player calls out  
24           "bingo" and is declared the winner of a predetermined prize.  
25           More than one game may be played upon a bingo card, and  
26           numbers called for one game may be used for a succeeding game  
27           or games.

28           (b) "Bingo card" means and refers to the flat piece of  
29           paper or thin pasteboard employed by players engaged in the  
30           game of bingo. The bingo card shall have not fewer than 24  
31           playing numbers printed on it. These playing numbers shall

1 range from 1 through 75, inclusive. More than one set of  
2 bingo numbers may be printed on any single piece of paper.

3 (c) "Charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization"  
4 means an organization which has qualified for exemption from  
5 federal income tax as an exempt organization under the  
6 provisions of s. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954  
7 or s. 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;  
8 which is engaged in charitable, civic, community, benevolent,  
9 religious, or scholastic works or other similar activities;  
10 and which has been in existence and active for a period of 3  
11 years or more.

12 (d) "Instant bingo" means a game that is played using  
13 tickets by which a player wins a prize by opening and removing  
14 a cover from the ticket to reveal a set of numbers, letters,  
15 objects, or patterns, some of which have been predesignated in  
16 advance as prize winners.

17 (e)~~(d)~~ "Objects" means a set of 75 balls or other  
18 precision shapes that are imprinted with letters and numbers  
19 in such a way that numbers 1 through 15 are marked with the  
20 letter "B," numbers 16 through 30 are marked with the letter  
21 "I," numbers 31 through 45 are marked with the letter "N,"  
22 numbers 46 through 60 are marked with the letter "G," and  
23 numbers 61 through 75 are marked with the letter "O."

24 (f) "Package" means a separate set of not more than  
25 4,000 instant bingo tickets in which the predetermined minimum  
26 prize payout is at least 65 percent of the total receipts from  
27 the sale of the entire package.

28 (g)~~(e)~~ "Rack" means the container in which the objects  
29 are placed after being drawn and announced.

30 (h)~~(f)~~ "Receptacle" means the container from which the  
31 objects are drawn or ejected.

1            (i)~~(g)~~ "Session" means a designated set of games  
2 played in a day or part of a day.

3            (5) Except for instant bingo prizes, which are limited  
4 to those displayed on the ticket,no jackpot may ~~shall~~ exceed  
5 the value of \$250 in actual money or its equivalent, and there  
6 shall be no more than three jackpots in any one session of  
7 bingo.

8            (6) Except for instant bingo, which is not limited by  
9 this subsection,the number of days per week during which  
10 organizations authorized hereunder may conduct bingo may not  
11 exceed two.

12            (7) Except for instant bingo prizes, which are limited  
13 to those displayed on the ticket,there shall be no more than  
14 three jackpots on any one day of play. All other game prizes  
15 may ~~shall~~ not exceed \$50.

16            (13)(a) Instant bingo tickets must be sold at the  
17 price printed on the ticket, not to exceed \$1. Discounts may  
18 not be given for purchases of multiple tickets, nor may  
19 tickets be given away free of charge.

20            (b) The sets of numbers, letters, objects, or patterns  
21 that have been predesignated as winning combinations for a  
22 package of bingo tickets must be posted before the sale of any  
23 tickets from that package.

24            Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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27            SENATE SUMMARY

28            Provides rules for the operation of instant bingo games.  
29            (See bill for details.)

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