

By Representative Berfield

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to recreational activities at
3 facilities for elderly or disabled adults;
4 authorizing bingo games for residents or
5 clients of certain facilities for the elderly
6 or disabled, and their guests; providing
7 conditions; providing for use of proceeds;
8 providing exemption from local regulation and
9 fees; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, bingo games for residents or clients of a facility licensed or authorized under part II, part III, part V, or part XI of chapter 400, Florida Statutes, chapter 651, Florida Statutes, or section 430.206, Florida Statutes, and their guests, or for residents of government-financed or government-insured housing for the elderly and their guests, may be conducted if such games are held in the facility, played exclusively by residents or clients and their guests, and conducted by residents, staff, or volunteers of the facility, and if neither the facility nor any third party derives financial benefit from such games. Nonresidents are prohibited from claiming prizes. Any net proceeds remaining after paying prizes may be donated by residents or clients who organize the games to projects or activities of their choice. Any county or municipality that regulates the playing of bingo must exempt bingo games conducted pursuant to this section from regulation and fees.

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

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SENATE 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. 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.