

By Senator Silver

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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.)