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

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, or part V of chapter 400, Florida Statutes, chapter 651, Florida Statutes, or section 430.206, Florida Statutes, and for 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. Games conducted for residents or clients with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease which are played with the personal funds of residents or clients must be supervised by paid or volunteer staff. Prizes may be claimed only by residents or clients of these facilities or by guests who are residents or clients of other similarly licensed or authorized facilities. Any net proceeds remaining after prizes are awarded may be donated by the residents' council to projects



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31 or activities of their choice. Any county or municipality that
32 regulates the playing of bingo must exempt bingo games conducted
33 pursuant to this section from regulation and fees.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.