

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 664
 SPONSOR: Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Sebesta
 SUBJECT: Bingo/Elderly or Disabled Adults
 DATE: March 20, 2003 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Sumner</u>	<u>Imhof</u>	<u>RI</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>HC</u>	<u> </u>
3.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>FT</u>	<u> </u>
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I. Summary:

The bill creates a statutory section for bingo games that may be conducted for residents or clients, and their guests, of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, continuing care retirement communities, multi-service senior centers, and government-financed or government-insured or government-subsidized housing for the elderly notwithstanding the provisions of s. 849.0931, F.S.

This bill creates, an unnumbered section of the Florida Statutes:

II. Present Situation:

Bingo games are currently authorized for two groups under s.849.0931, F.S.: (1) charitable, non-profit, or veterans organizations which qualify for certain tax exemptions and have been in existence for three years; and (2) condominium associations, cooperative associations, homeowners’ associations, a group of residents of a mobile home park or a group of residents of a mobile home parks or recreation vehicle parks. The first group is required to donate all proceeds, less actual business expenses to the organizational endeavors. The second group may only give net proceeds to the players in the form of prizes and must donate any net proceeds after business expenses to any organization that meets the criteria of group one.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates a statutory section that permits bingo games to be conducted for residents or clients, and their guests, of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, continuing care retirement communities, multi-service senior centers, and government-financed

or government-insured or government-subsidized housing for the elderly notwithstanding the provisions of s. 849.0931, F.S.

It also provides for games to be conducted for persons with Alzheimer's disease with a requirement that there be supervision by paid staff or volunteers. Prizes can only be claimed by residents, or clients, or their guests who are themselves residents or clients of similarly licensed or authorized facilities. Neither the facility nor any third party can derive a financial benefit from the bingo games. The net proceeds, after prizes are awarded, may be donated to the residents' council. Counties and municipalities that regulate bingo must exempt games that are played pursuant to this section from regulation and fees.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
