

By Senator Sebesta

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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 for 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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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
14 849.0931, Florida Statutes, bingo games for residents or  
15 clients of a facility licensed or authorized under part II,  
16 part III, or part V of chapter 400, Florida Statutes, chapter  
17 651, Florida Statutes, or section 430.206, Florida Statutes,  
18 and for their guests, or for residents of government-financed  
19 or government-insured housing for the elderly and their  
20 guests, may be conducted if such games are held in the  
21 facility, played exclusively by residents or clients and their  
22 guests, and conducted by residents, staff, or volunteers of  
23 the facility, and if neither the facility nor any third party  
24 derives financial benefit from such games. Games conducted for  
25 residents or clients with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease  
26 which are played with the personal funds of residents or  
27 clients must be supervised by paid or volunteer staff. Prizes  
28 may be claimed only by residents or clients of these  
29 facilities or by guests who are residents or clients of other  
30 similarly licensed or authorized facilities. Any net proceeds  
31 remaining after prizes are awarded may be donated by the

1 residents' council to projects or activities of their choice.  
2 Any county or municipality that regulates the playing of bingo  
3 must exempt bingo games conducted pursuant to this section  
4 from regulation and fees.

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

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8 SENATE SUMMARY

9 Authorizes bingo games at nursing homes, assisted living  
10 facilities, adult day care centers, intermediate care  
11 facilities for the developmentally disabled, multiservice  
12 senior centers, and certain government-financed or  
13 government-insured housing, for residents or clients and  
14 their guests, if the games are conducted by residents,  
15 staff, or volunteers and neither the facility nor any  
16 third party benefits financially. Prohibits nonresidents  
17 from claiming prizes. Authorizes donation of proceeds by  
18 residents or clients to projects or activities of their  
19 choice. Exempts such games from county and municipal  
20 regulation and fees. Requires supervision of persons with  
21 Alzheimer's disease who play bingo with their personal  
22 funds.  
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