

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and 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 government-insured, or government-subsidized housing for the  
20 elderly and their guests, may be conducted if such games are  
21 held in the facility, played exclusively by residents or  
22 clients and their guests, and conducted by residents, staff,  
23 or volunteers of the facility, and if neither the facility nor  
24 any third party derives financial benefit from such games.  
25 Games conducted for residents or clients with a diagnosis of  
26 Alzheimer's Disease which are played with the personal funds  
27 of residents or clients must be supervised by paid or  
28 volunteer staff. Prizes may be claimed only by residents or  
29 clients of these facilities or by guests who are residents or  
30 clients of other similarly licensed or authorized facilities.  
31 Any net proceeds remaining after prizes are awarded may be

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

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

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7 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
9 SB 664

10 The Committee Substitute includes residents of government  
11 subsidized housing to the list of groups exempt from the  
12 provisions of s. 849.0931, F.S., and granted permission to  
13 conduct bingo games at that facility.

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