

By the Committees on Finance and Taxation; 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 in a facility licensed under part II, part  
26 III, or part IV of chapter 400, Florida Statutes, for  
27 residents or clients with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease  
28 or a related dementia must not be played with the personal  
29 funds of residents or clients and must be supervised by paid  
30 or volunteer staff. Prizes may be claimed only by residents or  
31 volunteer staff. Prizes may be claimed only by residents or

1 clients of these facilities or by guests who are residents or  
2 clients of other similarly licensed or authorized facilities.  
3 Net proceeds must be returned to players in the form of prizes  
4 after expenses for refreshments and bingo supplies are  
5 deducted. Any county or municipality that regulates the  
6 playing of bingo must exempt bingo games conducted pursuant to  
7 this section from regulation and fees.

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

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10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
12 CS/SB 664

13 The committee substitute requires that bingo games played at  
14 nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and home health  
15 agencies may not be played with the personal funds of  
16 residents with Alzheimer's disease.

17 In addition, the committee substitute requires that net  
18 proceeds be returned to players in the form of prizes after  
19 expenses for refreshments and bingo supplies are deducted.  
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