

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Geller

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to bingo; providing a short  
3           title; amending s. 849.0931, F.S.; defining the  
4           terms "instant bingo" and "deal"; providing  
5           rules for the operation of instant bingo games;  
6           providing penalties; providing requirements for  
7           the manufacture and sale of instant bingo  
8           tickets; providing duties of the Department of  
9           the Lottery; reenacting ss. 718.114,  
10          723.079(8), F.S., relating to condominiums and  
11          homeowners' associations, to incorporate the  
12          amendment to s. 849.0931, F.S., in references  
13          thereto; providing an effective date.

15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Evelyn  
18 Wiesman-Price Act."

19           Section 2. Subsections (1), (2), (5), (7), (8), (9),  
20 (10), and (11) of section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, are  
21 amended, present subsection (13) of that section is renumbered  
22 as subsection (14), and a new subsection (13) is added to that  
23 section, to read:

24           849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;  
25 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.--

26           (1) As used in this section:

27           (a) "Bingo game" means and refers to the activity,  
28 commonly known as "bingo," in which participants pay a sum of  
29 money for the use of one or more bingo cards. When the game  
30 commences, numbers are drawn by chance, one by one, and  
31 announced. The players cover or mark those numbers on the

1 bingo cards which they have purchased until a player receives  
2 a given order of numbers in sequence that has been  
3 preannounced for that particular game. This player calls out  
4 "bingo" and is declared the winner of a predetermined prize.  
5 More than one game may be played upon a bingo card, and  
6 numbers called for one game may be used for a succeeding game  
7 or games.

8 (b) "Bingo card" means and refers to the flat piece of  
9 paper or thin pasteboard employed by players engaged in the  
10 game of bingo. The bingo card shall have not fewer than 24  
11 playing numbers printed on it. These playing numbers shall  
12 range from 1 through 75, inclusive. More than one set of  
13 bingo numbers may be printed on any single piece of paper.

14 (c) "Charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization"  
15 means an organization which has qualified for exemption from  
16 federal income tax as an exempt organization under the  
17 provisions of s. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954  
18 or s. 528 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;  
19 which is engaged in charitable, civic, community, benevolent,  
20 religious, or scholastic works or other similar activities;  
21 and which has been in existence and active for a period of 3  
22 years or more.

23 (d) "Deal" means a separate set or package of not more  
24 than 4,000 instant bingo tickets in which the predetermined  
25 minimum prize payout is at least 65 percent of the total  
26 receipts from the sale of the entire deal.

27 (e) "Instant bingo" means a game that is played using  
28 tickets by which a player wins a prize by opening and removing  
29 a cover from the ticket to reveal a set of numbers, letters,  
30 objects, or patterns, some of which have been predesignated in  
31 advance as prize winners.

1           (f)~~(d)~~ "Objects" means a set of 75 balls or other  
2 precision shapes that are imprinted with letters and numbers  
3 in such a way that numbers 1 through 15 are marked with the  
4 letter "B," numbers 16 through 30 are marked with the letter  
5 "I," numbers 31 through 45 are marked with the letter "N,"  
6 numbers 46 through 60 are marked with the letter "G," and  
7 numbers 61 through 75 are marked with the letter "O."

8           (g)~~(e)~~ "Rack" means the container in which the objects  
9 are placed after being drawn and announced.

10           (h)~~(f)~~ "Receptacle" means the container from which the  
11 objects are drawn or ejected.

12           (i)~~(g)~~ "Session" means a designated set of games  
13 played in a day or part of a day.

14           (2)(a) None of the provisions of this chapter shall be  
15 construed to prohibit or prevent charitable, nonprofit, or  
16 veterans' organizations engaged in charitable, civic,  
17 community, benevolent, religious, or scholastic works or other  
18 similar endeavors, which organizations have been in existence  
19 and active for a period of 3 years or more, from conducting  
20 bingo games or instant bingo, provided the entire proceeds  
21 derived from the conduct of such games, less actual business  
22 expenses for articles designed for and essential to the  
23 operation, conduct, and playing of bingo or instant bingo, are  
24 donated by such organizations to the endeavors mentioned  
25 above. In no case may the net proceeds from the conduct of  
26 such games be used for any other purpose whatsoever. The  
27 proceeds derived from the conduct of bingo games or instant  
28 bingo shall not be considered solicitation of public  
29 donations.

30           (b) It is the express intent of the Legislature that  
31 no charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization serve as a

1 sponsor of a bingo game or instant bingo conducted by another,  
2 but such organization may only be directly involved in the  
3 conduct of such a game as provided in this act.

4 (5) Except for instant bingo prizes, which are limited  
5 to those displayed on the ticket, a ~~no~~ jackpot ~~may not~~ ~~shall~~  
6 exceed the value of \$250 in actual money or its equivalent,  
7 and there may not ~~shall~~ be ~~no~~ more than three jackpots in any  
8 one session of bingo.

9 (7) Except for instant bingo prizes, which are limited  
10 to those displayed on the ticket, there ~~may not~~ ~~shall~~ be ~~no~~  
11 more than three jackpots on any one day of play. All other  
12 game prizes may ~~shall~~ not exceed \$50.

13 (8) Each person involved in the conduct of any bingo  
14 game or instant bingo must be a resident of the community  
15 where the organization is located and a bona fide member of  
16 the organization sponsoring such game and may not be  
17 compensated in any way for operation of such ~~bingo~~ game. When  
18 bingo games or instant bingo are conducted by a charitable,  
19 nonprofit, or veterans' organization, the organization  
20 conducting the ~~bingo~~ games must ~~shall be required to~~ designate  
21 up to three members of that organization to be in charge of  
22 the games, one of whom must ~~shall~~ be present during the entire  
23 session at which the ~~bingo~~ games are conducted. The  
24 organization conducting the ~~bingo~~ games is responsible for  
25 posting a notice, which notice states the name of the  
26 organization and the designated member or members, in a  
27 conspicuous place on the premises at which the session is held  
28 or instant bingo is played. ~~In no event may~~ A caller in a  
29 bingo game may not be a participant in that bingo game.

30 (9) Every charitable, nonprofit, or veterans'  
31 organization involved in the conduct of a bingo game or

1 instant bingo must be located in the county, or within a  
2 15-mile radius of, where the bingo game or instant bingo is  
3 located.

4 (10)(a) A person ~~No one~~ under 18 years of age may not  
5 ~~shall be allowed to~~ play any bingo game or instant bingo or be  
6 involved in the conduct of a bingo game or instant bingo in  
7 any way.

8 (b) Any organization conducting bingo open to the  
9 public may refuse entry to any person who is objectionable or  
10 undesirable to the sponsoring organization, but such refusal  
11 of entry shall not be on the basis of race, creed, color,  
12 religion, sex, national origin, marital status, or physical  
13 handicap.

14 (11) Bingo games or instant bingo may be held only on  
15 the following premises:

16 (a) Property owned by the charitable, nonprofit, or  
17 veterans' organization.

18 (b) Property owned by the charitable, nonprofit, or  
19 veterans' organization that will benefit by the proceeds.

20 (c) Property leased for a period of not less than 1  
21 year by a charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization,  
22 providing the lease or rental agreement does not provide for  
23 the payment of a percentage of the proceeds generated at such  
24 premises to the lessor or any other party and providing the  
25 rental rate for such premises does not exceed the rental rates  
26 charged for similar premises in the same locale.

27 (d) Property owned by a municipality or a county when  
28 the governing authority has, by appropriate ordinance or  
29 resolution, specifically authorized the use of such property  
30 for the conduct of such games.

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1           (e) With respect to bingo games conducted by a  
2 condominium association, a cooperative association, a  
3 homeowners' association as defined in s. 720.301, a mobile  
4 home owners' association, a group of residents of a mobile  
5 home park as defined in chapter 723, or a group of residents  
6 of a mobile home park or recreational vehicle park as defined  
7 in chapter 513, property owned by the association, property  
8 owned by the residents of the mobile home park or recreational  
9 vehicle park, or property which is a common area located  
10 within the condominium, mobile home park, or recreational  
11 vehicle park.

12           (13)(a) Instant bingo tickets must be sold at the  
13 price printed on the ticket by the manufacturer, not to exceed  
14 \$1. Discounts may not be given for purchases of multiple  
15 tickets, nor may tickets be given away free of charge.

16           (b) The sets of numbers, letters, objects, or patterns  
17 that have been predesignated by the manufacturer as winning  
18 combinations for a deal of instant bingo tickets must be  
19 posted before the sale of any tickets from that deal.

20           (c) Each instant bingo ticket in a deal must bear the  
21 same serial number and there may not be more than one serial  
22 number in each deal. Serial numbers printed on a deal of  
23 instant bingo tickets may not be repeated by the manufacturer  
24 on the same form for a period of 3 years.

25           (d) The serial number for each deal must be clearly  
26 and legibly placed on the outside of each deal's package, box,  
27 or other container.

28           (e) Instant bingo tickets, rules of play,  
29 recordkeeping, and reporting for instant bingo games  
30 manufactured, sold, or distributed in this state must comply  
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1 with the applicable mandatory standards on pull-tabs of the  
2 North American Gaming Regulators Association, as amended.

3 (f) Except as provided under paragraph (e), an instant  
4 bingo ticket manufactured, sold, or distributed in this state  
5 must:

6 1. Be manufactured so that it is not possible to  
7 identify whether it is a winning or losing ticket until it has  
8 been opened by the player as intended;

9 2. Be manufactured using at least a two-ply paper  
10 stock construction so that it is opaque;

11 3. Have the form number, the deal's serial number, and  
12 the name or logo of the manufacturer conspicuously printed on  
13 the face or cover; and

14 4. Have a form of winner protection that allows the  
15 organization to verify, after the ticket has been played, that  
16 the winning ticket presented for payment is an authentic  
17 winning ticket for the deal in play. The manufacturer shall  
18 provide a written description of the winner protection with  
19 each deal of instant bingo tickets.

20 (g) Each manufacturer and distributor that sells or  
21 distributes instant bingo tickets in this state to charitable,  
22 nonprofit, or veterans' organizations shall prepare an invoice  
23 that contains the following information:

24 1. Date of sale;

25 2. Form number and the serial number of each deal  
26 sold;

27 3. Number of tickets in each deal sold;

28 4. Name of distributor or organization to whom each  
29 deal is sold; and

30 5. Price of each deal sold.

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1 All information contained on an invoice must be maintained by  
2 the distributor or manufacturer for 3 years.

3 (h) The invoice, or a true and accurate copy thereof,  
4 must be on the premises where any deal of instant bingo  
5 tickets is stored or in play.

6 (i) The Department of the Lottery shall keep a list of  
7 at least six qualified instant bingo ticket manufacturers that  
8 are authorized to sell instant bingo tickets within the state.  
9 The department shall process all applications to be placed on  
10 the list of instant bingo ticket manufacturers pursuant to s.  
11 120.60. A distributor or charitable, nonprofit, or veterans'  
12 organizations may not purchase, distribute, or sell instant  
13 bingo tickets manufactured by any manufacturer other than  
14 those qualified instant bingo ticket manufacturers listed by  
15 the Department of the Lottery.

16 (14)~~(13)~~ Any organization or other person who  
17 willfully and knowingly violates any provision of this section  
18 commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
19 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. For a  
20 second or subsequent offense, the organization or other person  
21 commits is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable  
22 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

23 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the  
24 amendment to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in references  
25 thereto, section 718.114, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to  
26 read:

27 718.114 Association powers.--An association has the  
28 power to enter into agreements, to acquire leaseholds,  
29 memberships, and other possessory or use interests in lands or  
30 facilities such as country clubs, golf courses, marinas, and  
31 other recreational facilities. It has this power whether or



1 not the lands or facilities are contiguous to the lands of the  
2 condominium, if they are intended to provide enjoyment,  
3 recreation, or other use or benefit to the unit owners. All of  
4 these leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use  
5 interests existing or created at the time of recording the  
6 declaration must be stated and fully described in the  
7 declaration. Subsequent to the recording of the declaration,  
8 the association may not acquire or enter into agreements  
9 acquiring these leaseholds, memberships, or other possessory  
10 or use interests except as authorized by the declaration. The  
11 declaration may provide that the rental, membership fees,  
12 operations, replacements, and other expenses are common  
13 expenses and may impose covenants and restrictions concerning  
14 their use and may contain other provisions not inconsistent  
15 with this chapter. A condominium association may conduct  
16 bingo games as provided in s. 849.0931.

17 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the  
18 amendment to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in references  
19 thereto, subsection (8) of section 723.079, Florida Statutes,  
20 is reenacted to read:

21 723.079 Powers and duties of homeowners'  
22 association.--

23 (8) Any mobile home owners' association or group of  
24 residents of a mobile home park as defined in this chapter may  
25 conduct bingo games as provided in s. 849.0931.

26 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 272

The committee substitute inserts the words "applicable mandatory" to describe the standards of pull-tabs of the North American Gaming Regulators Association. It requires that the Lottery shall process all bingo ticket manufacturer applications be placed on the list of instant bingo ticket manufacturers pursuant to s. 120.60, F.S.