

By Senators Sebesta and Wise

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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 section 849.0931, Florida  
14 Statutes, bingo games for residents or clients of facilities  
15 licensed or authorized under part II, part III, or part V of  
16 chapter 400, Florida Statutes, chapter 651, Florida Statutes,  
17 or section 430.206, Florida Statutes, and for their guests, or  
18 for residents of government-financed, government-insured, or  
19 government-subsidized 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 in  
25 a facility licensed under part II, part III, or part IV of  
26 chapter 400, Florida Statutes, for residents or clients with a  
27 diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia may not  
28 be played with the personal funds of residents or clients and  
29 must be supervised by paid or volunteer staff. Prizes may be  
30 claimed only by residents or clients of these facilities or by  
31 guests who are residents or clients of other similarly

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

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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10 SENATE SUMMARY

11 Authorizes bingo games at nursing homes, assisted living  
12 facilities, adult day care centers, intermediate care  
13 facilities for the developmentally disabled, multiservice  
14 senior centers, and certain government-financed,  
15 government-insured, or government-subsidized housing, for  
16 residents or clients and their guests, if the games are  
17 conducted by residents, staff, or volunteers and neither  
18 the facility nor any third party benefits financially.  
19 Exempts such games from county and municipal regulation  
20 and fees. Requires supervision of persons with  
21 Alzheimer's disease who play bingo and prohibits their  
22 playing with their personal funds. Requires that net  
23 proceeds be returned to players in the form of prizes  
24 after expenses for refreshments and bingo supplies are  
25 deducted.  
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