

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to games and drawings; amending s.
 3 849.0931, F.S.; authorizing the use of electronics or
 4 other technology in lieu of vocal verification for bingo
 5 games; amending s. 849.0935, F.S.; revising the definition
 6 of "organization" to include chambers of commerce;
 7 exempting chambers of commerce from provisions prohibiting
 8 drawings by chance; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (12) of section
 13 849.0931, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;
 15 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.--

16 (12) Each bingo game shall be conducted in accordance with
 17 the following rules:

18 (g) Numbers on the winning cards or sheets shall be
 19 announced and verified in the presence of another player. Any
 20 player shall be entitled at the time the winner is determined to
 21 call for a verification of numbers drawn. The verification shall
 22 be in the presence of the member designated to be in charge of
 23 the occasion or, if such person is also the caller, in the
 24 presence of an officer of the licensee. Verification may also be
 25 provided through the use of electronic or other commercially
 26 available technology in lieu of vocal verification. Verification
 27 by other than vocal means must be confined to the premises at
 28 which the bingo session is held and may not be transmitted to

29 any other location.

30 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection
31 (2) of section 849.0935, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

32 849.0935 Charitable, nonprofit organizations; drawings by
33 chance; required disclosures; unlawful acts and practices;
34 penalties.--

35 (1) As used in this section, the term:

36 (b) "Organization" means an organization which is exempt
37 from federal income taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3),
38 (4), (7), (8), (10), or (19), or a chamber of commerce pursuant
39 to 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(6), and which has a current determination
40 letter from the Internal Revenue Service, and its bona fide
41 members or officers.

42 (2) The provisions of s. 849.09 shall not be construed to
43 prohibit an organization qualified under 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3),
44 (4), (7), (8), (10), or (19), or a chamber of commerce qualified
45 under 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(6), from conducting drawings by chance
46 pursuant to the authority granted by this section, provided the
47 organization has complied with all applicable provisions of
48 chapter 496.

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.