

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

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

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14           Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (12) of section  
15 849.0931, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16           849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;  
17 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.--

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

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

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

4           849.0935 Charitable, nonprofit organizations; drawings  
5 by chance; required disclosures; unlawful acts and practices;  
6 penalties.--

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

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

14           (2) The provisions of s. 849.09 shall not be construed  
15 to prohibit an organization qualified under 26 U.S.C. s.  
16 501(c)(3), (4), (7), (8), (10), or (19), or a chamber of  
17 commerce pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(6), from conducting  
18 drawings by chance pursuant to the authority granted by this  
19 section, provided the organization has complied with all  
20 applicable provisions of chapter 496.

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