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## CS for SB 500

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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 "deal," "flare," and "instant bingo";
5	exempting instant bingo from specified
б	prohibitions; providing requirements for the
7	operation of instant bingo games; providing
8	requirements for the use of proceeds and prize
9	payout; providing requirements for the
10	manufacture and sale of instant bingo tickets;
11	providing duties of the Department of the
12	Lottery; providing penalties; reenacting ss.
13	718.114 and 723.079(8), F.S., relating to
14	powers and duties of condominium and
15	homeowners' associations, to incorporate the
16	amendment to s. 849.0931, F.S., in references
17	thereto; providing an effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. <u>This act may be cited as the "Evelyn</u>
22	Wiesman-Price Act."
23	Section 2. Section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, is
24	amended to read:
25	849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;
26	permitted uses of proceeds; limitations
27	(1) As used in this section:
28	(a) "Bingo game" means and refers to the activity,
29	commonly known as "bingo," in which participants pay a sum of
30	money for the use of one or more bingo cards. When the game
31	commences, numbers are drawn by chance, one by one, and
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1 announced. The players cover or mark those numbers on the 2 bingo cards which they have purchased until a player receives 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 6 More than one game may be played upon a bingo card, and 7 numbers called for one game may be used for a succeeding game 8 or games. "Bingo card" means and refers to the flat piece of 9 (b) paper or thin pasteboard employed by players engaged in the 10 game of bingo. The bingo card shall have not fewer than 24 11 12 playing numbers printed on it. These playing numbers shall 13 range from 1 through 75, inclusive. More than one set of 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 17 federal income tax as an exempt organization under the 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 21 religious, or scholastic works or other similar activities; 2.2 and which has been in existence and active for a period of 3 23 years or more. (d) "Deal" means a separate set or package of not more 2.4 than 4,000 instant bingo tickets in which the predetermined 25 minimum prize payout is at least 65 percent of the total 26 27 receipts from the sale of the entire deal. 28 (e) "Flare" means the board or placard that accompanies each deal of instant bingo tickets and that has 29 printed on or affixed to it the following information: 30 1. The game name. 31

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1	2. The manufacturer's name or distinctive logo.
2	3. The form number.
3	4. The ticket count.
4	5. The prize structure, including the number of
5	symbols or number combinations for winning instant bingo
6	tickets by denomination, with their respective winning symbols
7	or number combinations.
8	6. The cost per play.
9	7. The game serial number.
10	(f) "Instant bingo" means a form of bingo that is
11	played using tickets by which a player wins a prize by opening
12	and removing a cover from the ticket to reveal a set of
13	numbers, letters, objects, or patterns, some of which have
14	been designated in advance as prize winners.
15	<u>(q)<del>(d)</del></u> "Objects" means a set of 75 balls or other
16	precision shapes that are imprinted with letters and numbers
17	in such a way that numbers 1 through 15 are marked with the
18	letter "B," numbers 16 through 30 are marked with the letter
19	"I," numbers 31 through 45 are marked with the letter "N,"
20	numbers 46 through 60 are marked with the letter "G," and
21	numbers 61 through 75 are marked with the letter "O."
22	<u>(h)(e)</u> "Rack" means the container in which the objects
23	are placed after being drawn and announced.
24	(i)(f) "Receptacle" means the container from which the
25	objects are drawn or ejected.
26	<u>(j)(g)</u> "Session" means a designated set of games
27	played in a day or part of a day.
28	(2)(a) None of the provisions of this chapter shall be
29	construed to prohibit or prevent charitable, nonprofit, or
30	veterans' organizations engaged in charitable, civic,
31	community, benevolent, religious, or scholastic works or other
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1 similar endeavors, which organizations have been in existence 2 and active for a period of 3 years or more, from conducting bingo games or instant bingo, provided the entire proceeds 3 derived from the conduct of such games, less actual business 4 expenses for articles designed for and essential to the 5 6 operation, conduct, and playing of bingo or instant bingo, are 7 donated by such organizations to the endeavors mentioned 8 above. In no case may the net proceeds from the conduct of 9 such games be used for any other purpose whatsoever. The proceeds derived from the conduct of bingo games or instant 10 bingo shall not be considered solicitation of public 11 12 donations. 13 (b) It is the express intent of the Legislature that no charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization serve as a 14 sponsor of a bingo game or instant bingo conducted by another, 15 but such organization may only be directly involved in the 16 17 conduct of such a game as provided in this act. 18 (3) If an organization is not engaged in efforts of the type set out above, its right to conduct bingo games 19 hereunder is conditioned upon the return of all the proceeds 20 21 from such games to the players in the form of prizes. If at 22 the conclusion of play on any day during which a bingo game is 23 allowed to be played under this section there remain proceeds which have not been paid out as prizes, the organization 2.4 conducting the game shall at the next scheduled day of play 25 conduct bingo games without any charge to the players and 26 27 shall continue to do so until the proceeds carried over from 2.8 the previous days played have been exhausted. This provision 29 in no way extends the limitation on the number of prize or jackpot games allowed in one day as provided for in subsection 30 31 (5).

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1	(4) The right of a condominium association, a
2	cooperative association, a homeowners' association as defined
3	in s. 720.301, a mobile home owners' association, a group of
4	residents of a mobile home park as defined in chapter 723, or
5	a group of residents of a mobile home park or recreational
б	vehicle park as defined in chapter 513 to conduct bingo is
7	conditioned upon the return of the net proceeds from such
8	games to players in the form of prizes after having deducted
9	the actual business expenses for such games for articles
10	designed for and essential to the operation, conduct, and
11	playing of bingo. Any net proceeds remaining after paying
12	prizes may be donated by the association to a charitable,
13	nonprofit, or veterans' organization which is exempt from
14	federal income tax under the provisions of s. 501(c) of the
15	Internal Revenue Code to be used in such recipient
16	organization's charitable, civic, community, benevolent,
17	religious, or scholastic works or similar activities or, in
18	the alternative, such remaining proceeds shall be used as
19	specified in subsection (3).
20	(5) Except for instant bingo prizes, which are limited
21	to the amounts displayed on the ticket or on the game flare, a
22	No jackpot shall <u>not</u> exceed the value of \$250 in actual money
23	or its equivalent, and there shall be no more than three
24	jackpots in any one session of bingo.
25	(6) Except for instant bingo, which is not limited by
26	this subsection, the number of days per week during which
27	organizations authorized <u>under this section</u> <del>hereunder</del> may
28	conduct bingo <u>shall</u> <del>may</del> not exceed two.
29	(7) Except for instant bingo prizes, which are limited
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1 there shall be no more than three jackpots on any one day of 2 play. All other game prizes shall not exceed \$50. 3 (8) Each person involved in the conduct of any bingo 4 game or instant bingo must be a resident of the community where the organization is located and a bona fide member of 5 6 the organization sponsoring such game and may not be 7 compensated in any way for operation of such bingo game. When 8 bingo games or instant bingo is are conducted by a charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization, the organization 9 10 conducting the bingo games <u>must</u> shall be required to designate up to three members of that organization to be in charge of 11 12 the games, one of whom shall be present during the entire 13 session at which the bingo games are conducted. The organization conducting the bingo games is responsible for 14 posting a notice, which notice states the name of the 15 organization and the designated member or members, in a 16 17 conspicuous place on the premises at which the session is held 18 or instant bingo is played. In no event may A caller in a bingo game <u>may not</u> be a participant in that bingo game. 19 20 (9) Every charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' 21 organization involved in the conduct of a bingo game or 22 instant bingo must be located in the county, or within a 23 15-mile radius of, where the bingo game or instant bingo is located. 2.4 (10)(a) No one under 18 years of age shall be allowed 25 to play any bingo game or instant bingo or be involved in the 26 27 conduct of a bingo game or instant bingo in any way. 28 (b) Any organization conducting bingo open to the 29 public may refuse entry to any person who is objectionable or undesirable to the sponsoring organization, but such refusal 30 of entry shall not be on the basis of race, creed, color, 31

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1 religion, sex, national origin, marital status, or physical 2 handicap. (11) Bingo games or instant bingo may be held only on 3 4 the following premises: 5 (a) Property owned by the charitable, nonprofit, or 6 veterans' organization. 7 (b) Property owned by the charitable, nonprofit, or 8 veterans' organization that will benefit by the proceeds. (c) Property leased for a period of not less than 1 9 10 year by a charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization, providing the lease or rental agreement does not provide for 11 12 the payment of a percentage of the proceeds generated at such 13 premises to the lessor or any other party and providing the rental rate for such premises does not exceed the rental rates 14 charged for similar premises in the same locale. 15 (d) Property owned by a municipality or a county when 16 17 the governing authority has, by appropriate ordinance or resolution, specifically authorized the use of such property 18 for the conduct of such games. 19 (e) With respect to bingo games conducted by a 20 21 condominium association, a cooperative association, a 22 homeowners' association as defined in s. 720.301, a mobile 23 home owners' association, a group of residents of a mobile home park as defined in chapter 723, or a group of residents 2.4 of a mobile home park or recreational vehicle park as defined 25 26 in chapter 513, property owned by the association, property 27 owned by the residents of the mobile home park or recreational 2.8 vehicle park, or property which is a common area located within the condominium, mobile home park, or recreational 29 30 vehicle park. 31

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1 (12) Each bingo game shall be conducted in accordance 2 with the following rules: 3 (a) The objects, whether drawn or ejected, shall be 4 essentially equal as to size, shape, weight, and balance and as to all other characteristics that may control their 5 6 selection from the receptacle. The caller shall cancel any 7 game if, during the course of a game, the mechanism used in 8 the drawing or ejection of objects becomes jammed in such a manner as to interfere with the accurate determination of the 9 next number to be announced or if the caller determines that 10 more than one object is labeled with the same number or that 11 12 there is a number to be drawn without a corresponding object. 13 Any player in a game canceled pursuant to this paragraph shall be permitted to play the next game free of charge. 14 (b) Prior to commencement of any bingo session, the 15 member in charge shall cause a verification to be made of all 16 17 objects to be placed in the receptacle and shall inspect the objects in the presence of a disinterested person to ensure 18 that all objects are present and that there are no 19 duplications or omissions of numbers on the objects. Any 20 21 player shall be entitled to call for a verification of numbers 22 before, during, and after a session. 23 (c) The card or sheet on which the game is played shall be part of a deck, group, or series, no two of which may 2.4 25 be alike in any given game. (d) All numbers shall be visibly displayed after being 26 27 drawn and before being placed in the rack. 28 (e) A bona fide bingo shall consist of a predesignated arrangement of numbers on a card or sheet that correspond with 29 30 the numbers on the objects drawn from the receptacle and 31

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1 announced. Errors in numbers announced or misplaced in the 2 rack may not be recognized as a bingo. 3 (f) When a caller has started to vocally announce a number, the caller shall complete the call. If any player has 4 obtained a bingo on a previous number, such player will share 5 6 the prize with the player who gained bingo on the last number 7 called. 8 (g) Numbers on the winning cards or sheets shall be announced and verified in the presence of another player. Any 9 player shall be entitled at the time the winner is determined 10 to call for a verification of numbers drawn. The verification 11 12 shall be in the presence of the member designated to be in 13 charge of the occasion or, if such person is also the caller, in the presence of an officer of the licensee. 14 (h) Upon determining a winner, the caller shall ask, " 15 Are there any other winners?" If no one replies, the caller 16 17 shall declare the game closed. No other player is entitled to 18 share the prize unless she or he has declared a bingo prior to this announcement. 19 20 (i) Seats may not be held or reserved by an 21 organization or person involved in the conduct of any bingo 22 game for players not present, nor may any cards be set aside, 23 held, or reserved from one session to another for any player. (13)(a) Instant bingo tickets must be sold at the 2.4 price printed on the ticket or on the game flare by the 25 26 manufacturer, not to exceed \$1. Discounts may not be given for 27 the purchase of multiple tickets, nor may tickets be given away free of charge. 2.8 (b) Each deal of instant bingo tickets must be 29 accompanied by a flare, and the flare must be posted before 30 the sale of any tickets in that deal. 31

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1	(c) Each instant bingo ticket in a deal must bear the
2	same serial number, and there may not be more than one serial
3	number in each deal. Serial numbers printed on a deal of
4	instant bingo tickets may not be repeated by the manufacturer
5	on the same form for a period of 3 years.
б	(d) The serial number for each deal must be clearly
7	and legibly placed on the outside of each deal's package, box,
8	or other container.
9	(e) Instant bingo tickets manufactured, sold, or
10	distributed in this state must comply with the applicable
11	standards on pull-tabs of the North American Gaming Regulators
12	Association, as amended.
13	(f) Except as provided under paragraph (e), an instant
14	bingo ticket manufactured, sold, or distributed in this state
15	<u>must:</u>
16	1. Be manufactured so that it is not possible to
17	identify whether it is a winning or losing instant bingo
18	ticket until it has been opened by the player as intended.
19	2. Be manufactured using at least a two-ply paper
20	stock construction so that the instant bingo ticket is opaque.
21	3. Have the form number, the deal's serial number, and
22	the name or logo of the manufacturer conspicuously printed on
23	the face or cover of the instant bingo ticket.
24	4. Have a form of winner protection that allows the
25	organization to verify, after the instant bingo ticket has
26	been played, that the winning instant bingo ticket presented
27	for payment is an authentic winning instant bingo ticket for
28	the deal in play. The manufacturer shall provide a written
29	description of the winner protection with each deal of instant
30	bingo tickets.
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1	(q) Each manufacturer and distributor that sells or
2	<u>distributes instant bingo tickets in this state to charitable,</u>
3	nonprofit, or veterans' organizations shall prepare an invoice
4	that contains the following information:
5	1. Date of sale.
б	2. Form number and serial number of each deal sold.
7	3. Number of instant bingo tickets in each deal sold.
8	4. Name of distributor or organization to whom each
9	<u>deal is sold.</u>
10	5. Price of each deal sold.
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12	All information contained on an invoice must be maintained by
13	the distributor or manufacturer for 3 years.
14	(h) The invoice, or a true and accurate copy thereof,
15	must be on the premises where any deal of instant bingo
16	tickets is stored or in play.
17	(i) The Department of the Lottery shall keep a list of
18	instant bingo manufacturers qualified under the standards of
19	the North American Gaming Regulators Association which are
20	authorized to sell instant bingo tickets within the state. The
21	Department of the Lottery shall process all applications to be
22	placed on the list of instant bingo ticket manufacturers
23	pursuant to s. 120.60. A distributor or charitable, nonprofit,
24	or veterans' organization may not purchase, distribute, or
25	sell instant bingo tickets manufactured by any manufacturer
26	other than those qualified instant bingo ticket manufacturers
27	listed by the Department of the Lottery.
28	(14)(13) Any organization or other person who
29	willfully and knowingly violates any provision of this section
30	<u>commits</u> is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree,
31	punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. For a
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1 second or subsequent offense, the organization or other person commits is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable 2 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 3 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the 4 5 amendment made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida 6 Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 718.114, Florida 7 Statutes, is reenacted to read: 8 718.114 Association powers. -- An association has the 9 power to enter into agreements, to acquire leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use interests in lands or 10 facilities such as country clubs, golf courses, marinas, and 11 12 other recreational facilities. It has this power whether or 13 not the lands or facilities are contiguous to the lands of the condominium, if they are intended to provide enjoyment, 14 recreation, or other use or benefit to the unit owners. All of 15 these leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use 16 17 interests existing or created at the time of recording the 18 declaration must be stated and fully described in the declaration. Subsequent to the recording of the declaration, 19 the association may not acquire or enter into agreements 20 21 acquiring these leaseholds, memberships, or other possessory 22 or use interests except as authorized by the declaration. The 23 declaration may provide that the rental, membership fees, operations, replacements, and other expenses are common 2.4 expenses and may impose covenants and restrictions concerning 25 their use and may contain other provisions not inconsistent 26 27 with this chapter. A condominium association may conduct bingo 2.8 games as provided in s. 849.0931. 29 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the 30 amendment made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida 31

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1 Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (8) of section 2 723.079, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 3 723.079 Powers and duties of homeowners' 4 association.--5 (8) Any mobile home owners' association or group of б residents of a mobile home park as defined in this chapter may 7 conduct bingo games as provided in s. 849.0931. 8 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 9 10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 500 11 12 13 The committee substitute deletes the requirement that the Department of Lottery keep a list of at least five qualified 14 instant bingo ticket manufacturers and replaces it with a requirement to keep a list of instant bingo manufacturers qualified under the standards of the North American Gaming 15 Regulation Association. 16 The committee substitute makes nonsubstantive changes to 17 conform to the provisions of HB 191. 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31