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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to bingo games; amending s. 849.0931,  
3 F.S.; authorizing the use of electronics or other  
4 technology in lieu of vocal verification for bingo games;  
5 amending s. 849.0935, F.S.; revising the definition of  
6 "organization" to include chambers of commerce; exempting  
7 chambers of commerce from provisions prohibiting drawings  
8 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 is ~~shall be~~ entitled at the time the winner is determined  
21 to call for a verification of numbers drawn. The verification  
22 shall be in the presence of the member designated to be in charge  
23 of 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 any  
29 other location.

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

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

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.