

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bingo; amending s. 849.0931, F.S.;
3 authorizing the dispensing of instant bingo tickets by
4 electronic devices; requiring that such devices be
5 capable of recording certain transaction information;
6 requiring that such devices be monitored and
7 operational only under specific circumstances;
8 providing that the devices may not be used to operate
9 in a manner other than for dispensing instant bingo
10 tickets; providing for the devices to dispense change;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (13) of
16 section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;
18 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.—

19 (13)

20 (i) Instant bingo tickets may be dispensed, subject to the
21 other provisions of this section, by an electronic device. An
22 electronic device used to dispense such tickets is exempt from
23 regulation under ss. 849.15 and 849.16. To be authorized, the
24 electronic device must be under the supervision and within the
25 direct line of sight of a member of the bingo organization
26 conducting the bingo game to ensure that the machine is
27 monitored and operated only by persons at least 18 years of age;
28 must be capable of being electronically deactivated to prohibit
29 use by persons younger than 18 years of age through the use of a

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30 lockout device that maintains the machine's deactivation for a
31 period of not less than 5 minutes; and must be designed to
32 prevent its use or conversion for use in any manner other than
33 the dispensing of instant bingo tickets. Authorized devices may
34 dispense change to players purchasing instant bingo tickets but
35 may not be used for paying the holders of winning tickets of any
36 kind. The device must be capable of recording each ticket
37 dispensed, the number of coins or amount of money received for
38 each ticket, and totals of each for all tickets dispensed.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.