

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bingo games; amending s. 849.0931,
3 F.S.; revising definitions; defining the term "instant
4 bingo ticket dispenser"; revising the requirements to
5 manufacture, issue, and operate instant bingo tickets;
6 requiring that instant bingo ticket dispensers have
7 certain features; prohibiting instant bingo ticket
8 dispensers from having certain features; providing
9 construction; reenacting ss. 402.82(4)(e), 718.114,
10 723.079(10), 849.09(3), 849.094(1)(a), and 849.142(6),
11 F.S., relating to electronic benefits transfer
12 program, association powers, powers and duties of
13 mobile home owners' associations; lottery prohibitions
14 and exceptions, game promotion in connection with the
15 sale of consumer products or services, and exempted
16 activities, respectively, to incorporate the amendment
17 made to s. 849.0931, F.S., in references thereto;
18 providing an effective date.

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

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22 **Section 1. Present paragraphs (g) through (j) of**
23 **subsection (1), paragraphs (g) and (h) of subsection (13), and**
24 **subsection (14) of section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, are**
25 **redesignated as paragraphs (h) through (k) of subsection (1),**

26 paragraphs (j) and (k) of subsection (13), and subsection (15),
27 respectively, a new paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of
28 that section, new paragraphs (g) and (h) and paragraph (i) are
29 added to subsection (13) of that section, a new subsection (14)
30 is added to that section, and paragraphs (a), (d), (e), and (f)
31 of subsection (1) and paragraphs (b) and (f) of subsection (13)
32 of that section are amended, to read:

33 849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct;
34 permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.—

35 (1) As used in this section:

36 (a) "Bingo game" means and refers to the activity,
37 commonly known as "bingo," in which participants pay a sum of
38 money for ~~the use of~~ one or more bingo cards. When the game
39 commences, numbers are drawn by chance, one by one, and
40 announced. The players cover or mark those numbers on the bingo
41 cards which they have purchased until a player receives a given
42 order of numbers in sequence that has been preannounced for that
43 particular game. This player calls out "bingo" and is declared
44 the winner of a predetermined prize. More than one game may be
45 played upon a bingo card, and numbers called for one game may be
46 used for a succeeding game or games.

47 (d) "Deal" means a separate set or package of ~~not more~~
48 ~~than 4,000~~ instant bingo tickets in which the predetermined
49 minimum prize payout is at least 65 percent of the total
50 receipts from the sale of the entire deal.

51 (e) "Flare" means the board, or placard, or digital
52 display that accompanies each deal of instant bingo tickets and
53 that displays ~~has printed on or affixed to it~~ the following
54 information:

- 55 1. The game name.
- 56 2. The manufacturer's name or distinctive logo.
- 57 3. The form number.
- 58 4. The ticket count.
- 59 5. The prize structure, including the number of symbols or
60 number combinations for winning instant bingo tickets by
61 denomination, with their respective winning symbols or number
62 combinations.
- 63 6. The cost per play.
- 64 7. The game serial number.

65 (f) "Instant bingo" means a form of bingo that is played
66 at the same location as bingo, using tickets that are sold by
67 the bingo operator or through an instant bingo ticket dispenser
68 by which a player wins a prize by opening and removing a cover
69 from the ticket to reveal a set of numbers, letters, objects, or
70 patterns, some of which have been designated in advance as prize
71 winners.

72 (g) "Instant bingo ticket dispenser" means a device that
73 dispenses an instant bingo ticket or reads a barcode printed on
74 the exterior of the instant bingo ticket as the ticket is
75 dispensed and displays the win or loss status of the instant

76 bingo ticket on a video display contained on the device.

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78 (b) Each deal of instant bingo tickets must be accompanied
79 by a flare, and the flare must be visible to the player ~~posted~~
80 before the sale of any tickets in that deal.

81 (f) Except as provided under paragraph (e), an instant
82 bingo ticket manufactured, sold, or distributed in this state
83 must:

84 1. Be manufactured so that it is not possible to identify
85 whether it is a winning or losing instant bingo ticket until it
86 has been opened by the player as intended or the results are
87 displayed on an instant bingo dispenser that reveals the win or
88 loss status of the ticket as it is dispensed.

89 2. Be manufactured using at least a two-ply paper stock
90 construction so that the instant bingo ticket is opaque.

91 3. Have the form number, the deal's serial number, and the
92 name or logo of the manufacturer conspicuously printed on the
93 face or cover of the instant bingo ticket.

94 4. Have a form of winner protection that allows the
95 organization to verify, after the instant bingo ticket has been
96 played, that the winning instant bingo ticket presented for
97 payment is an authentic winning instant bingo ticket for the
98 deal in play. The manufacturer shall provide a written
99 description of the winner protection with each deal of instant
100 bingo tickets.

101 (g) An instant bingo ticket dispenser must have the
102 following features:

103 1. A bill acceptor that accepts only United States
104 currency and accounts for all currency inserted into the
105 dispenser.

106 2. The ability to track the sale of all instant bingo
107 tickets dispensed.

108 (h) An instant bingo ticket dispenser that reads a bar
109 code and displays the ticket outcome on a video display on the
110 device must have the additional capability of:

111 1. Producing a voucher for prize verification and
112 redemption or proof of purchase; and

113 2. Producing reports showing gross sales, prizes paid, and
114 net receipts to the charitable, nonprofit, or veterans'
115 organization.

116 (i) An instant bingo ticket dispenser may not:

117 1. Display the outcome of an instant bingo ticket using
118 spinning reels or other features that mimic a slot machine or
119 any common casino table game;

120 2. Contain a random number generator or any software that
121 influences the outcome of the instant bingo game; or

122 3. Contain any feature that simulates skill or allows
123 player input to influence the outcome of the predetermined
124 instant bingo game result.

125 (14) This section may not be construed to authorize a

charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organization to engage in class III gaming as that term is defined in 25 U.S.C. s. 2703 (8).

Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 402.82, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

402.82 Electronic benefits transfer program.—

(4) Use or acceptance of an electronic benefits transfer card is prohibited at the following locations or for the following activities:

(e) A commercial bingo facility that operates outside the provisions of s. 849.0931.

Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 718.114, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

718.114 Association powers.—An association may enter into agreements to acquire leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use interests in lands or facilities such as country clubs, golf courses, marinas, and other recreational facilities, regardless of whether the lands or facilities are contiguous to the lands of the condominium, if such lands and facilities are intended to provide enjoyment, recreation, or other use or benefit to the unit owners. All of these

151 leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use interests
152 existing or created at the time of recording the declaration
153 must be stated and fully described in the declaration.
154 Subsequent to the recording of the declaration, agreements
155 acquiring these leaseholds, memberships, or other possessory or
156 use interests which are not entered into within 12 months of the
157 date of the recording of the certificate of a surveyor and
158 mapper pursuant to s. 718.104(4)(e) or the recording of an
159 instrument that transfers title to a unit in the condominium
160 which is not accompanied by a recorded assignment of developer
161 rights in favor of the grantee of such unit, whichever occurs
162 first, are a material alteration or substantial addition to the
163 real property that is association property, and the association
164 may not acquire or enter into such agreements except upon a vote
165 of, or written consent by, a majority of the total voting
166 interests or as authorized by the declaration as provided in s.
167 718.113. The declaration may provide that the rental, membership
168 fees, operations, replacements, and other expenses are common
169 expenses and may impose covenants and restrictions concerning
170 their use and may contain other provisions not inconsistent with
171 this chapter. A condominium association may conduct bingo games
172 as provided in s. 849.0931.

173 **Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment**
174 **made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in a**
175 **reference thereto, subsection (10) of section 723.079, Florida**

Statutes, is reenacted to read:

723.079 Powers and duties of homeowners' association.—

(10) Any mobile home owners' association or group of residents of a mobile home park as defined in this chapter may conduct bingo games as provided in s. 849.0931.

Section 5. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (3) of section 849.09, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

849.09 Lottery prohibited; exceptions.—

(3) Any person who is convicted of violating any of the provisions of paragraph (e), paragraph (f), paragraph (g), paragraph (i), or paragraph (k) of subsection (1) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Any person who, having been convicted of violating any provision thereof, thereafter violates any provision thereof is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. The provisions of this section do not apply to bingo as provided for in s. 849.0931.

Section 6. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 849.094, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

849.094 Game promotion in connection with sale of consumer

products or services.—

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

(a) "Game promotion" means, but is not limited to, a contest, game of chance, sweepstakes, or gift enterprise, conducted by an operator within or throughout the state and other states in connection with and incidental to the sale of consumer products or services, and in which the elements of chance and prize are present. However, "game promotion" may not be construed to apply to bingo games conducted pursuant to s. 849.0931.

Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 849.0931, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (6) of section 849.142, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

849.142 Exempted activities.—Sections 849.01, 849.08, 849.09, 849.11, 849.14, and 849.25 do not apply to participation in or the conduct of any of the following activities:

(6) Bingo games conducted pursuant to s. 849.0931.

Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.