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April 25, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 603, an Act providing an exception to licensing requirements for certain bingo occasions conducted by nonprofit organizations.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

TJV:jmc

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 603

AN ACT

PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BINGO OCCASIONS CONDUCTED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 99B.9, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

Except as otherwise permitted by section 99B.3, 99B.5, 99B.6, 99B.7, 99B.8, or 99B.11, or 99B.12A, it is unlawful to permit gambling on any premises owned, leased, rented, or otherwise occupied by a person other than a government, governmental agency or subdivision, unless all of the following are complied with:

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 99B.12A BINGO EXCEPTION.

An organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code as defined in section 422.3, shall be authorized to conduct a bingo occasion without a license as otherwise required by this chapter if all of the following requirements are met:

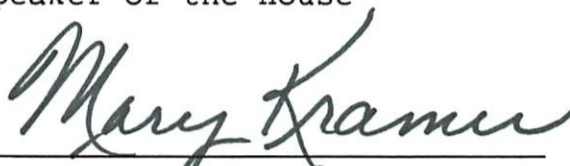
1. Participants in the bingo occasion are not charged to enter the premises where bingo is conducted.
2. Participants in the bingo occasion are not charged to play.

3. Any prize awarded at the bingo occasion shall be donated.

4. The bingo occasion is conducted as an activity and not for fundraising purposes.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



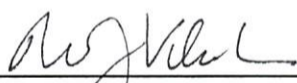
MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 603, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved april 25, 2003



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor