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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2276
BY LUKAN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of bingo occasions within a
2 structure or building.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 99B.7, subsection 1, paragraph c,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Cash or merchandise prizes may be awarded in the game of
5 bingo and, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,
6 shall not exceed one hundred dollars. Merchandise prizes may
7 be awarded in the game of bingo, but the actual retail value
8 of the prize, or if the prize consists of more than one item,
9 unit or part, the aggregate retail value of all items, units
10 or parts, shall not exceed the maximum provided by this
11 paragraph. A jackpot bingo game may be conducted once during
12 any ~~twenty-four-hour~~ twenty-four-hour period in which the
13 prize may begin at not more than three hundred dollars in cash
14 or actual retail value of merchandise prizes and may be
15 increased by not more than one hundred dollars after each
16 bingo occasion. However, the cost of play in a jackpot bingo
17 game shall not be increased and the jackpot shall not amount
18 to more than eight hundred dollars in cash or actual retail
19 value of merchandise prizes. A jackpot bingo game is not
20 prohibited by paragraph "h". A bingo occasion shall not last
21 for longer than four consecutive hours. A qualified
22 organization shall not hold more than fourteen bingo occasions
23 per month. Bingo occasions held under a limited license shall
24 not be counted in determining whether a qualified organization
25 has conducted more than fourteen bingo occasions per month,
26 nor shall bingo occasions held under a limited license be
27 limited to four consecutive hours. With the exception of a
28 limited license bingo, no more than three bingo occasions per
29 week shall be held within a structure or building by a
30 licensee and only one person licensed to conduct games under
31 this section may hold bingo occasions within a structure or
32 building at one time. A licensed qualified organization shall
33 not conduct free games.

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EXPLANATION

35 This bill permits more than one licensee to conduct three

1 or more bingo occasions per week within a particular structure
2 or building if the bingo occasions are not held at the same
3 time as another licensee. Under current law, except for a
4 limited license or for qualified senior centers, no more than
5 three bingo occasions per week can be held within a structure
6 or building and only one person licensed to conduct bingo can
7 hold bingo occasions within that structure.

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