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SENATE FILE 2207
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(COMPANION TO LSB 8034H BY PAVICH)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the game of bingo.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 99B.2, subsection 3, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1989, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 A qualified organization conducting bingo occasions ~~under a~~
5 ~~two-year license and expecting to have annual gross receipts~~
6 ~~of more than ten thousand dollars~~ shall establish and maintain
7 one regular checking account designated the "bingo account"
8 and may also maintain one or more interest-bearing savings
9 accounts designated as "bingo savings account".

10 Sec. 2. Section 99B.7, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
11 Supplement 1989, is amended to read as follows:

12 c. Cash or merchandise prizes may be awarded in the game
13 of bingo and, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,
14 shall not exceed one four thousand five hundred dollars per
15 bingo occasion. Merchandise prizes may be awarded in the game
16 of bingo, but the actual retail value of the prize, or if the
17 prize consists of more than one item, unit or part, the
18 aggregate retail value of all items, units or parts, shall not
19 exceed the maximum provided by this paragraph. A jackpot
20 bingo game may be conducted once during any twenty-four hour
21 period in which the prize may begin at not more than three
22 hundred dollars in cash or actual retail value of merchandise
23 prizes and may be increased by not more than one hundred
24 dollars after each bingo occasion. However, the cost of play
25 in a jackpot bingo game shall not be increased and the jackpot
26 shall not amount to more than eight hundred dollars in cash or
27 actual retail value of merchandise prizes. A jackpot bingo
28 game is not prohibited by paragraph "h". A bingo occasion
29 shall not last for longer than four consecutive hours and
30 shall not exceed forty bingo games per bingo occasion. A
31 ~~qualified organization shall not hold more than fourteen bingo~~
32 ~~occasions per month~~. Bingo occasions held under a limited
33 license shall not be counted in determining whether a
34 ~~qualified organization has conducted more than fourteen bingo~~
35 ~~occasions per month, nor shall bingo occasions held under a~~

1 ~~limited-license-be~~ limited to four consecutive hours. With
2 the exception of a limited license bingo, no more than three
3 bingo occasions per week shall be held within a structure or
4 building and only one person licensed to conduct games under
5 this section may hold bingo occasions within a structure or
6 building.

7 However, a qualified organization, which is a senior
8 citizens' center or a residents' council at a senior citizen
9 housing project or a group home, may hold ~~more-than-fourteen~~
10 ~~bingo-occasions-per-month-and~~ more than three bingo occasions
11 per week within the same structure or building, and bingo
12 occasions conducted by such a qualified organization may last
13 for longer than four consecutive hours, if the majority of the
14 patrons of the qualified organization's bingo occasions also
15 participate in other activities of the senior citizens' center
16 or are residents of the housing project. At the conclusion of
17 each bingo occasion, the person conducting the game shall
18 announce both the gross receipts received from the bingo
19 occasion and the use permitted under subsection 3, paragraph
20 "b", to which the net receipts of the bingo occasion will be
21 dedicated and distributed.

22 Sec. 3. Section 99B.7, subsection 3, paragraph c,
23 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 1989, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 A qualified organization shall distribute amounts awarded
26 as prizes on the day they are won. A qualified organization
27 shall dedicate and distribute the balance of the net receipts
28 received within a quarter and remaining after deduction of
29 reasonable expenses, charges, fees, taxes, and deductions
30 allowed by this chapter, before the quarterly report required
31 for that quarter under section 99B.2, subsection 4, is due.
32 The amount dedicated and distributed must equal at least
33 ~~seventy-five~~ sixty-five percent of the net receipts. A person
34 desiring to hold the net receipts for a period longer than
35 permitted under this paragraph shall apply to the department

1 for special permission and upon good cause shown the
2 department may grant the request.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill requires all qualified organizations conducting
5 bingo occasions to establish and maintain one regular checking
6 account; provides for the prize limitation to be \$4,500 per
7 bingo occasion with no more than 40 games per occasion;
8 removes the limitation of 14 bingo occasions per month; and
9 reduces the amount of net receipts to be deducted and
10 distributed from 75 percent to 65 percent.

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