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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of bingo games.  
2 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, Code  
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 However, a qualified organization, which is a senior  
2 citizens' center or a residents' council at a senior citizen  
3 housing project or a group home, may hold more than fourteen  
4 bingo occasions per month and more than three bingo occasions  
5 per week within the same structure or building, and bingo  
6 occasions conducted by such a qualified organization ~~may last~~  
7 ~~for longer than four consecutive hours~~ are not limited in  
8 duration, if the majority of the patrons of the qualified  
9 organization's bingo occasions also participate in other  
10 activities of the senior citizens' center or are residents of  
11 the housing project. At the conclusion of each bingo  
12 occasion, the person conducting the game shall announce both  
13 the gross receipts received from the bingo occasion and the  
14 use permitted under subsection 3, paragraph "b", to which the  
15 net receipts of the bingo occasion will be dedicated and  
16 distributed.

17 Sec. 2. Section 99B.7, subsection 1, paragraph 1,  
18 subparagraph (2), Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:  
19 (2) No free prize or other gift is given to a participant.  
20 However, one or more door prizes of a value not to exceed ten  
21 one hundred dollars each may be given by random drawing.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides a number of increases to the maximum  
24 limits allowed for prizes for bingo games operated by  
25 qualified organizations. The maximum prize for a bingo game  
26 is increased from \$100 to \$250. During a bingo occasion, not  
27 more than two games shall have a maximum prize of more than  
28 \$1,000. In addition, a licensee may conduct three separate  
29 progressive jackpot bingo games not exceeding \$2,500 each.  
30 The progressive jackpot bingo begins at \$500 and may increase  
31 by not more than \$200 during each bingo occasion during which  
32 the prize is not won. A bingo occasion is increased from a  
33 maximum of four hours to a maximum of six hours. The maximum  
34 value of a door prize given at a bingo occasion is increased  
35 from \$10 to \$100.