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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2177
BY LUKAN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to bingo jackpots.

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,
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~~ twice
12 during any ~~twenty-four-hour~~ twenty-four-hour period in which
13 the prize may begin at not more than ~~three~~ five hundred
14 dollars in cash or actual retail value of merchandise prizes
15 and may be increased by not more than one hundred dollars in
16 cash or actual retail value of merchandise prizes after each
17 bingo occasion to a maximum prize of one thousand dollars in
18 cash or actual retail value of merchandise prizes for the
19 first jackpot bingo game and two thousand five hundred dollars
20 in cash or actual retail value of merchandise prizes for the
21 second jackpot bingo game. However, the cost of play in a
22 jackpot bingo game shall not be increased ~~and the jackpot~~
23 ~~shall not amount to more than eight hundred dollars in cash or~~
24 ~~actual retail value of merchandise prizes~~. A jackpot bingo
25 game is not prohibited by paragraph "h". A bingo occasion
26 shall not last for longer than four consecutive hours. A
27 qualified organization shall not hold more than fourteen bingo
28 occasions per month. Bingo occasions held under a limited
29 license shall not be counted in determining whether a
30 qualified organization has conducted more than fourteen bingo
31 occasions per month, nor shall bingo occasions held under a
32 limited license be limited to four consecutive hours. With
33 the exception of a limited license bingo, no more than three
34 bingo occasions per week shall be held within a structure or
35 building and only one person licensed to conduct games under

1 this section may hold bingo occasions within a structure or
2 building. A licensed qualified organization shall not conduct
3 free games.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill deals with allowable jackpots for bingo games.
6 Code section 99B.7, subsection 1, is amended to permit two
7 jackpot bingo games during a 24-hour period and to authorize a
8 maximum prize of \$1,000 for the first jackpot bingo game and
9 \$2,500 for the second jackpot bingo game. In addition, the
10 bill provides that the starting jackpot for a bingo game shall
11 not exceed \$500. Under current law, only one jackpot bingo
12 game is authorized with a maximum prize of \$800 and a starting
13 jackpot of no more than \$300.

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