# Senate File 419 - Introduced

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning social gambling by religious institutions.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 1808SV 82
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1  1      Section 1.  NEW SECTION.  99B.12B  RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
1  2 == LICENSING EXCEPTIONS.
1  3      1.  A religious institution that is an organization that is
1  4 exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of
1  5 the Internal Revenue Code as defined in section 422.3 is
1  6 authorized to conduct a bingo occasion, annual carnival game,
1  7 or a raffle without a license as otherwise required by this
1  8 chapter if all of the following requirements are met:
1  9      a.  Participants are not charged to enter the premises
1 10 where the bingo occasion or raffle is conducted.
1 11      b.  Participants in the bingo occasion or annual carnival
1 12 game are not charged to play once the participant has entered
1 13 the premises where the event is conducted.
1 14      c.  Any prize awarded shall not exceed five hundred
1 15 dollars.
1 16      d.  The total revenues raised by a religious institution
1 17 during any calendar year from games conducted pursuant to this
1 18 section shall not exceed one thousand dollars.
1 19      2.  For purposes of this section, an "annual carnival game"
1 20 means games of skill and games of chance conducted during a
1 21 period of twelve consecutive hours once each year by the
1 22 religious institution.
1 23                    EXPLANATION
1 24      This bill permits a religious institution to conduct a
1 25 bingo occasion, raffle, or annual carnival game without
1 26 obtaining a license if certain requirements are met.  The
1 27 requirements established by the bill are that participants
1 28 shall not be charged admission to a bingo occasion, or a
1 29 raffle, that participants in bingo or an annual carnival game
1 30 shall not be charged to play, that any prize awarded shall not
1 31 exceed $500, and that total revenues raised by a religious
1 32 institution in a year shall not exceed $1,000.  The bill
1 33 defines an annual carnival game as games of skill and games of
1 34 chance conducted during a period of 12 consecutive hours once
1 35 each year by the religious institution.
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