

Senate File 2071 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to bingo games, including the price to play and
2 the value of merchandise prizes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 99B.21, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. A licensed qualified organization shall not conduct or
4 offer free bingo games or bingo games for which the price to
5 play exceeds fifty dollars per game.

6 Sec. 2. Section 99B.21, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
7 2024, is amended to read as follows:

8 c. A merchandise prize may be awarded in the game of bingo,
9 but the actual retail value of the prize, or if the prize
10 consists of more than one item, unit, or part, the aggregate
11 retail value of all items, units, or parts, shall not exceed
12 ~~two~~ nine hundred fifty dollars in value. However, if the
13 merchandise prize solely consists of one firearm, the actual
14 retail value of the prize shall not exceed five thousand
15 dollars.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to bingo games provided by a licensed
20 qualified organization.

21 The bill prohibits a licensed qualified organization from
22 conducting or offering a bingo game for which the price to play
23 exceeds \$50 per game. The bill also increases the maximum
24 permissible value of a merchandise prize awarded in a game of
25 bingo from \$250 to \$950, unless the merchandise prize consists
26 solely of one firearm, in which case the maximum permissible
27 value is \$5,000.