

1 AN ACT in relation to gambling.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 15. The Bingo License and Tax Act is amended by
5 changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 25/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 1102)

7 Sec. 2. The conducting of bingo is subject to the
8 following restrictions:

9 (1) The entire net proceeds from bingo play must be
10 exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the
11 organization permitted to conduct that game.

12 (2) (Blank). ~~No person except a bona fide member of the~~
13 ~~sponsoring organization or a bona fide member of an auxiliary~~
14 ~~organization, substantially all of whose members are spouses~~
15 ~~of members of the sponsoring organization may participate in~~
16 ~~the management or operation of the game.~~

17 (3) No person may receive any remuneration or profit for
18 participating in the management or operation of the game,
19 except that if an organization licensed under this Act is
20 associated with a school or other educational institution,
21 that school or institution may reduce tuition or fees for a
22 designated pupil based on participation in the management or
23 operation of the game by any member of the organization. The
24 extent to which tuition and fees are reduced shall relate
25 proportionately to the amount of time volunteered by the
26 member, as determined by the school or other educational
27 institution.

28 (4) The aggregate retail value of all prizes or
29 merchandise awarded in any single day of bingo may not exceed
30 \$2,250, except that in adjoining counties having 200,000 to
31 275,000 inhabitants each, and in counties which are adjacent

1 to either of such adjoining counties and are adjacent to a
2 total of not more than 2 counties in this State, and in any
3 municipality having 2,500 or more inhabitants and within one
4 mile of such adjoining and adjacent counties having less than
5 25,000 inhabitants, 2 additional bingo games may be conducted
6 after the \$2,250 limit has been reached. The prize awarded
7 for any one game, including any game conducted after reaching
8 the \$2,250 limit as authorized in this paragraph (4), may not
9 exceed \$500 cash or its equivalent.

10 (5) The number of games may not exceed 25 in any one day
11 including regular and special games, except that this
12 restriction on the number of games shall not apply to bingo
13 conducted at the Illinois State Fair or any county fair held
14 in Illinois.

15 (6) The price paid for a single card under the license
16 may not exceed \$1 and such card is valid for all regular
17 games on that day of bingo. A maximum of 5 special games may
18 be held on each bingo day, except that this restriction on
19 the number of special games shall not apply to bingo
20 conducted at the Illinois State Fair or any county fair held
21 in Illinois. The price for a single special game card may not
22 exceed 50 cents.

23 (7) The number of bingo days conducted by a licensee
24 under this Act is limited to one per week, except as follows:

25 (i) Bingo may be conducted in accordance with the
26 terms of a special operator's permit or limited license
27 issued under subdivision (3) of Section 1.

28 (ii) Bingo may be conducted at the Illinois State
29 Fair or any county fair held in Illinois under
30 subdivision (3) of Section 1.

31 (iii) A licensee which cancels a day of bingo
32 because of inclement weather or because the day is a
33 holiday or the eve of a holiday may, after giving notice
34 to the Department, conduct bingo on an additional date

1 which falls on a day of the week other than the day
2 authorized under the license. As used in this
3 subdivision (iii), "holiday" means any of the holidays
4 listed in Section 17 of the Promissory Note and Bank
5 Holiday Act.

6 (8) A licensee may rent a premises on which to conduct
7 bingo only from an organization which is licensed as a
8 provider of premises or exempt from license requirements
9 under this Act. If the organization providing the premises is
10 a metropolitan exposition, auditorium, and office building
11 authority created by State law, a licensee may enter into a
12 rental agreement with the organization authorizing the
13 licensee and the organization to share the gross proceeds of
14 bingo games; however, the organization shall not receive more
15 than 50% of the gross proceeds.

16 (9) No person under the age of 18 years may play or
17 participate in the conducting of bingo. Any person under the
18 age of 18 years may be within the area where bingo is being
19 played only when accompanied by his parent or guardian.

20 (10) The promoter of bingo games must have a proprietary
21 interest in the game promoted.

22 (11) Raffles or other forms of gambling prohibited by
23 law shall not be conducted on the premises where bingo is
24 being conducted, except that pull tabs and jar games
25 conducted under the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act may
26 be conducted on the premises where bingo is being conducted.
27 Prizes awarded in pull tabs and jar games shall not be
28 included in the bingo prize limitation.

29 (12) An organization holding a special operator's permit
30 or a limited license may, as one of the occasions allowed by
31 such permit or license, conduct bingo for a maximum of 2
32 consecutive days, during each day of which the number of
33 games may exceed 25, and regular game cards need not be valid
34 for all regular games. If only noncash prizes are awarded

1 during such occasions, the prize limits stated in paragraph
2 (4) of this Section shall not apply, provided that the retail
3 value of noncash prizes for any single game shall not exceed
4 \$150.

5 (Source: P.A. 87-220; 87-1175; 88-53.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.