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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1334 Session of  
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WHITE, CAUSER, MARSICO, GROVE, COHEN, IRVIN, DAVIS AND  
WARNER, JUNE 16, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, JUNE 16, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the lawful conduct of bingo, prescribing  
3 penalties and making a repeal," further providing for rules  
4 for licensing and operation and for penalties.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 5(c)(2), (3) and (11) and (d)(5) and (6)  
8 of the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo  
9 Law, amended December 15, 1982 (P.L.1299, No.293) and February  
10 12, 1988 (P.L.76, No.14), are amended to read:

11 Section 5. Rules for licensing and operation.

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13 (c) Operation.--Each licensed association shall comply with  
14 the following restrictions and rules governing the operation of  
15 bingo:

16 \* \* \*

17 [(2) No association shall conduct bingo more than twice  
18 in any one week, except an association shall be permitted to

1       conduct the game of bingo for a period not to exceed ten days  
2       at the association's exposition, carnival or fair site in  
3       addition to the regularly scheduled games.]

4           (3) Prizes awarded shall not exceed a value of [\$250]  
5       \$500 for any one game of bingo, except for jackpot games  
6       which shall not exceed a value of [\$2,000] \$4,000 for one  
7       such game. In addition, no more than [\$4,000] \$8,000 in  
8       prizes shall be awarded in any calendar day.

9           \* \* \*

10          [(11) No person shall participate in the operation of  
11       bingo games on more than four days in any calendar week,  
12       which games may be operated by no more than two different  
13       licensed associations. This provision shall not apply to  
14       persons engaged in the operation of bingo for merchandise at  
15       expositions, carnivals or fairs not exceeding ten days in  
16       duration.]

17          \* \* \*

18          (d) Application for license.--Each association shall apply  
19       to the licensing authority for a license on a form to be  
20       prescribed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Said form shall  
21       contain an affidavit to be affirmed by the executive officer or  
22       secretary of the association stating that:

23          \* \* \*

24          [(5) The association will not conduct the playing of  
25       bingo more than twice per week in any one week, except those  
26       associations conducting bingo at expositions, carnivals or  
27       fairs.]

28          (6) The association in any calendar day will not award a  
29       total of more than [\$4,000] \$8,000 in prizes.

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1 Section 2. Section 7(b) of the act, amended December 15,  
2 1982 (P.L.1299, No.293), is amended to read:

3 Section 7. Penalty.

4 \* \* \*

5 (b) Misdemeanor.--Any person who conducts or assists in the  
6 conducting of bingo in violation of the provisions of this act,  
7 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. [Any person who  
8 permits the conduct of bingo on the same premises, owned by him  
9 or leased to him, on more than five days in any one week or by  
10 more than one association in any calendar day, except for bingo  
11 being played at an exposition, carnival or fair, is guilty of a  
12 misdemeanor of the first degree.]

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.