

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Gambling-definitions.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to gambling; amending definitions;
2 clarifying that profit from gambling does not include
3 benefits of proprietorship; providing standards for bingo
4 games; limiting games to charitable and non profit
5 organizations existing for three years; limiting persons
6 authorized to operate games; specifying uses for proceeds
7 of bingo games; and providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii)(D), by creating a new
12 subparagraph (J), (ix), by creating a new paragraph (xi)
13 and by creating a new paragraph (xii) is amended to read:

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15 **6-7-101. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this article:

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4 (iii) "Gambling" means risking any property for
5 gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, chance, the
6 operation of a gambling device or the happening or outcome
7 of an event, including a sporting event, over which the
8 person taking a risk has no control, but does not include:

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10 (D) ~~Raffles or~~ Bingo games conducted, or
11 pull tabs sold, by charitable or nonprofit organizations
12 where the tickets for the ~~raffle or~~ bingo are sold only in
13 this state and the pull tabs are sold only on the premises
14 owned or occupied by the charitable or nonprofit
15 organization; provided that:

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17 (I) Bingo games and pull tab games
18 shall only be conducted by charitable or nonprofit
19 organizations, which have been in operation in this state
20 for at least three (3) years;

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22 (II) In conducting bingo games and
23 pull tab games the organization shall use only volunteers
24 who are bona fide members of the charitable or nonprofit

1 organization or employees who are paid by the organization
2 to assist in the operation of the game;

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4 (III) At least sixty-five percent
5 (65%) of all proceeds collected shall be redeemed as
6 winnings each month;

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8 (IV) Players of bingo games or pull
9 tab games shall be eighteen (18) years or older;

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11 (V) The charitable or nonprofit
12 organization conducting the bingo game or pull tab game may
13 purchase supplies or equipment necessary to conduct the
14 game from a distributor or manufacturer at a price based on
15 a per card or pull tab basis and a minimum of sixty percent
16 (60%) of the gross sales less the prizes paid shall be
17 retained by the charitable or nonprofit organization
18 conducting the bingo game or pull tab game after payment to
19 the distributor or manufacturer;

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21 (VI) Of the amount retained by the
22 charitable or nonprofit organization conducting the bingo
23 game or pull tab game after payment of winnings and costs,
24 at least seventy-five percent (75%) shall be donated within

1 one (1) year by the organization to a bona fide charitable
2 or benevolent purpose;

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4 (J) Raffles conducted for charitable
5 purposes.

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7 (ix) "Profit" means benefit other than a gain,
8 which is realized or unrealized and direct ~~or indirect,~~
9 including benefits from ~~proprietorship, management or~~
10 unequal advantage in a series of transactions but does not
11 include benefits of proprietorship or management of a
12 business wherein a game, wager or transaction described in
13 W.S. 6-7-101(iii)(E) occurs;

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15 (xi) "Charitable or nonprofit organization"
16 means an organization recognized as a charitable or
17 nonprofit organization under Wyoming statutes and which
18 possesses a valid exemption from federal income tax issued
19 by the Internal Revenue Service under the provisions of 26
20 U.S.C. § 501(c);

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22 (xii) "Bingo game" means a game of chance in
23 which a prize or prizes are awarded to a player or players
24 who obtain a designated pattern or sequence of numbers or

1 symbols on a card that is the same pattern or sequence of
2 numbers or symbols selected at random by a mechanical
3 blower or tumbler or a computer generated random generator
4 subject to the following:

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6 (A) The bingo card shall be a paper, hard
7 card or electronically generated card, but an
8 electronically generated card shall be played only in
9 conjunction with a paper or hard card unless the player has
10 a disability that prevents the use of a paper or hard card.
11 The organization conducting the bingo game shall keep a
12 paper copy of all electronically generated cards offered,
13 used or sold on the premises;

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15 (B) All players during the course of a
16 bingo game shall compete for the same prizes utilizing the
17 same set of numbers or symbols and shall share the same
18 deck or series of bingo cards for each game wherein no two
19 (2) cards distributed to the players are identical in the
20 same game and at least one (1) player shall win the prize
21 in each game played;

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23 (C) There shall be minimum of two (2)
24 players participating in each game before a game can begin.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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