

SENATE FILE NO. SF0104

Regulation of bingo and pull tab game events.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Burns, Christensen and Driskill

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to bingo and pull tab game events;
2 establishing the pari-mutuel commission as the regulating
3 body for bingo games and pull tab game events; amending
4 definitions; providing for rulemaking; making conforming
5 amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-25-114 is created to read:

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11 **11-25-114. Pari-mutuel regulation of bingo games and**
12 **pull tab game events.**

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14 (a) The commission shall authorize by permits and
15 supervise the conduct of all bingo games and pull tab game
16 events in this state ensuring at a minimum that:

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2 (i) Bingo games and pull tab game events shall
3 only be conducted by charitable or nonprofit organizations
4 that have been in existence in this state for at least
5 three (3) years and have been permitted by the commission
6 pursuant to this act;

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8 (ii) Bingo cards and tickets and pull tab games
9 are sold only on the premises owned or occupied by the
10 charitable or nonprofit organization;

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12 (iii) In conducting bingo games and pull tab
13 game events a charitable or nonprofit organization shall
14 use only volunteers who are bona fide members of the
15 organization or employees or contractors who are paid by
16 the organization to assist in the operation of the games
17 and events;

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19 (iv) Players of bingo and pull tab games shall
20 be eighteen (18) years or older;

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22 (v) At least sixty-five percent (65%) of all
23 gross sales shall be redeemed as winnings each month. The

1 net proceeds after payment of winnings shall be restricted
2 as follows:

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4 (A) No more than forty percent (40%) of net
5 proceeds shall be paid to distributors or manufacturers of
6 supplies or equipment necessary to conduct the event; and

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8 (B) The organization shall donate annually
9 at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the net proceeds
10 remaining after payment for all costs and supplies to a
11 bona fide charitable or benevolent purpose.

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13 (vi) The charitable or nonprofit organization
14 conducting the bingo game or pull tab game may purchase
15 supplies or equipment necessary to conduct the game from a
16 distributor or manufacturer at a price based on a per card
17 or per pull tab basis subject to the limitations provided
18 in subparagraph (v) (A) of this subsection.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii)(D)(intro),
21 11-25-102(a)(viii) and by creating a new paragraph (xv),
22 11-25-104(a), (d) through (f) and by creating a new
23 subsection (n) are amended to read:

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2 **6-7-101. Definitions.**

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4 (a) As used in this article:

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

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13 (D) Bingo games ~~conducted, or pull tabs~~
14 ~~sold, by charitable or nonprofit organizations where the~~
15 ~~tickets for the bingo are sold only in this state and the~~
16 ~~pull tabs are sold only on the premises owned or occupied~~
17 ~~by the charitable or nonprofit organization provided that:~~
18 and pull tab game events authorized by the pari-mutuel
19 commission pursuant to W.S. 11-25-101 through 11-25-114.

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21 **11-25-102. Definitions.**

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23 (a) As used in this act:

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2 (viii) "This act" means W.S. 11-25-101 through
3 ~~11-25-113~~ 11-25-114;

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5 (xv) "Pull tab game event" means an event at
6 which a player purchases a pull tab game piece that is made
7 of paper or paper products with concealed numbers or
8 symbols that the player must expose, often by tearing off a
9 covering tab, to determine wins or losses. "Pull tab game"
10 includes charitable gaming tickets, break opens, banded
11 tickets, jar tickets, tip tickets, pickle cards, instant
12 bingo tickets and other names designated by manufacturers,
13 distributors or players.

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15 **11-25-104. Pari-mutuel commission; officers;**
16 **director; meetings; quorum; records; licenses generally;**
17 **effect of financial interest in events.**

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19 (a) The commission shall annually elect from its
20 membership a president and vice-president, and may employ a
21 director who has a working knowledge of pari-mutuel
22 betting, ~~and~~ horse racing, bingo games and pull tab game
23 events or an executive secretary, or both. The director may

1 be retained on a yearly basis or for the racing season only
2 as determined by the commission. Salary for the director or
3 executive secretary shall be determined by the commission
4 with the consent of the personnel division. The commission
5 may also employ other personnel required to carry out this
6 act.

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8 (d) Any member of the commission who owns or has any
9 interest, or whose spouse or member of his immediate family
10 has any interest, in an animal participating in a
11 pari-mutuel event or who conducts, manufactures,
12 distributes or supplies bingo games and pull tab game
13 events shall disclose that interest and shall not
14 participate in any commission decision involving a protest
15 occurring at that pari-mutuel, bingo or pull tab game
16 event.

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18 (e) The commission shall authorize by permits and
19 supervise the conduct of all events provided for and
20 regulated by this act, and shall make reasonable rules and
21 regulations for the control, supervision and direction of
22 applicants and permittees, including regulations providing
23 for resolving scheduling conflicts and settling disputes

1 between permittees and the supervising, disciplining,
2 suspending, fining and barring from pari-mutuel, bingo or
3 pull tab game events of all persons required to be licensed
4 by this act, and for the holding, conducting and operating
5 of all pari-mutuel, bingo or pull tab game events conducted
6 pursuant to this act. The commission may require that
7 license applicants be fingerprinted for identification
8 purposes as a condition of licensing. The commission shall
9 announce the place, time and duration of pari-mutuel, bingo
10 or pull tab game events for which license or permit fees
11 shall be required and establish reasonable fees for all
12 licenses and permits provided for by this act. The fees
13 shall be established to ensure that the costs of
14 administering this act are recovered through the total
15 revenues received under this act. The commission shall
16 establish security access safeguards for licensees to use
17 for advance deposit pari-mutuel wagering. The commission
18 shall prohibit advance deposit pari-mutuel advertising that
19 it determines to be deceptive to the public.

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21 (f) Each permittee, participant and employee of a
22 permittee or participant who is directly involved in the
23 horse racing or pari-mutuel wagering activities, the bingo

1 games or the pull tab game events of the permittee or
2 participant, as defined in commission rule and regulation,
3 shall be licensed by the commission and shall comply with
4 all rules and regulations and all orders issued by the
5 commission. No person shall hold any event with
6 pari-mutuel wagering, bingo games or pull tab games without
7 obtaining a permit.

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9 (n) In addition to subsection (e) of this section,
10 the commission shall adopt rules governing bingo games and
11 pull tab game events in a manner that ensures fair and
12 equitable involvement and rules of play for all affected
13 parties, record keeping and reporting and bingo and pull
14 tab game standards consistent with guidance from the North
15 American Gaming Regulators Association.

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17 **Section 3.** W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii)(D)(I) through (V) is
18 repealed.

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20 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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22 (END)