

HB 671 -- Bingo

Sponsor: Lair

This bill changes the laws regarding bingo. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows organizations with abbreviated licenses to conduct bingo games up to 15 times annually;
- (2) Requires all organizations licensed to conduct bingo games to pay a \$50 annual license fee;
- (3) Authorizes the Missouri Gaming Commission to establish the daily prize amount for nonprogressive bingo games;
- (4) Removes the provision allowing licensees to require players to purchase more than a standard pack of bingo cards in order to participate in a bingo game;
- (5) Allows licensees to conduct bingo games twice a week instead of once a week;
- (6) Increases the amount which may be used for advertising from 2% to 10% of the total amount expended from bingo receipts;
- (7) Removes the advertising provision which prohibits licensees from referencing aggregate values of bingo prizes;
- (8) Prohibits bingo games from operating between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. Currently, no games can be conducted between midnight and 10 a.m.;
- (9) Allows licensees to own or lease commission-approved pull-tab vending machines from a licensed supplier and prohibits organizations from sharing machines;
- (10) Requires all licensees to make quarterly reports to the commission;
- (11) Changes the record retention requirement from three to two years;
- (12) Increases the one-time application fee for a manufacturer's license to an amount not to exceed \$5,000 and the renewal fee to an amount not to exceed \$1,000; and
- (13) Requires the applicant for a supplier or manufacturer license to be responsible for all investigative costs incurred by the commission.