

HB 1294 -- Bingo

Sponsor: Hoskins (121)

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. Currently, the limit is up to four times annually;

(2) Requires all organizations licensed to conduct bingo games to pay a \$50 annual license fee. Currently, certain licensed organizations are required to pay only a \$10 annual license fee;

(3) Authorizes the Missouri Gaming Commission to establish the maximum 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 provision which prohibits licensees from referencing the aggregate values of bingo prizes in an advertisement;

(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) Requires all licensees who conduct bingo or pull-tab activities on more than three occasions in any calendar year to make quarterly reports to the commission;

(10) Changes the record retention requirement of bingo and pull-tab licensees from three to two years except those records stipulated for one-year retention by regulation;

(11) Repeals the two-tenths of one cent tax on each bingo card sold by charitable organizations conducting bingo in this state;

(12) Increases the one-time application fee for a manufacturer's license from an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to an amount not to exceed \$5,000 and the renewal fee from an amount not to exceed

\$500 to an amount not to exceed \$1,000; and

(13) Requires the applicant for a supplier's or manufacturer's license to be responsible for all investigative costs incurred by the commission.