
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 556 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY DALLY, BASTIAN, BELFANTI, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE,
CARROLL, DALEY, FABRIZIO, JAMES, KILLION, KULA, McILHATTAN,
MILLARD, PETRONE, REICHLEY, SAINATO, SIPTROTH, STABACK,
YOUNGBLOOD AND WALKO, MARCH 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, MARCH 6, 2007

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.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5(a) of the act of July 10, 1981
8 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, amended February 12,
9 1988 (P.L.76, No.14), is amended to read:

10 Section 5. Rules for licensing and operation.

11 (a) Issuance and fee.--The licensing authority shall
12 license, upon application, any association as defined in section
13 3 to conduct the game of bingo at one location in the county,
14 which, when in a county of the second class, shall only be in
15 the city, borough or township where the main business office or
16 headquarters of the association is located. The county treasurer
17 of a county of the second class shall indicate on each license
18 the city, borough or township where the association may conduct

1 bingo. The single municipal location limitation shall not apply
2 to a group of licensed associations conducting bingo at a
3 central location. The license fee to be charged to each
4 nonprofit association shall be \$100 per annum except to those
5 recognized senior citizens' groups who conduct bingo for their
6 members only the fee shall be \$50 per annum. The license fee to
7 be charged to each agricultural association or county fair shall
8 be \$100 per annum. Associations which conduct bingo only one
9 period each year for not more than [three] seven consecutive
10 days shall be charged \$15 for the issuance of their license. The
11 fees collected pursuant to this section shall be paid by the
12 licensing authority into the general fund of the county and used
13 for county purposes. All records retained by the licensing
14 authority relating to the issuance of bingo licenses and bingo
15 permits shall be public information.

16 * * *

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.