

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 177 Session of
2005

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RAYMOND AND GERGELY, FEBRUARY 1, 2005

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
MARCH 14, 2005

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 defining "bona fide
4 ~~member.~~" MEMBER"; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR RULES FOR
5 LICENSING AND OPERATION. <—

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

8 Section 1. The definition of "bona fide member" in section 3
9 of act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo
10 Law, added December 15, 1982 (P.L.1299, No.293), is amended to
11 read:

12 Section 3. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
14 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
15 meanings given to them in this section:

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2 "Bona fide member." Any individual who holds a full
3 membership in the association as defined by the association's
4 constitution, charter, articles of incorporation or bylaws [and
5 has been a member of the association for at least one year]. The
6 term shall also include those individuals who are members of an
7 auxiliary or recognized junior affiliate of the parent
8 association.

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10 SECTION 2. SECTION 5(A) OF THE ACT, AMENDED FEBRUARY 12, <—
11 1988 (P.L.76, NO.14), IS AMENDED TO READ:

12 SECTION 5. RULES FOR LICENSING AND OPERATION.

13 (A) ISSUANCE AND FEE.--THE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL
14 LICENSE, UPON APPLICATION, ANY ASSOCIATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION
15 3 TO CONDUCT THE GAME OF BINGO AT ONE LOCATION IN THE COUNTY,
16 WHICH, WHEN IN A COUNTY OF THE SECOND CLASS, SHALL ONLY BE IN
17 THE CITY, BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP WHERE THE MAIN BUSINESS OFFICE OR
18 HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IS LOCATED. THE COUNTY TREASURER
19 OF A COUNTY OF THE SECOND CLASS SHALL INDICATE ON EACH LICENSE
20 THE CITY, BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP WHERE THE ASSOCIATION MAY CONDUCT
21 BINGO. THE SINGLE MUNICIPAL LOCATION LIMITATION SHALL NOT APPLY
22 TO A GROUP OF LICENSED ASSOCIATIONS CONDUCTING BINGO AT A
23 CENTRAL LOCATION. THE LICENSE FEE TO BE CHARGED TO EACH
24 NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION SHALL BE \$100 PER ANNUM EXCEPT TO THOSE
25 RECOGNIZED SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUPS WHO CONDUCT BINGO FOR THEIR
26 MEMBERS ONLY THE FEE SHALL BE \$50 PER ANNUM. THE LICENSE FEE TO
27 BE CHARGED TO EACH AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OR COUNTY FAIR SHALL
28 BE \$100 PER ANNUM. ASSOCIATIONS WHICH CONDUCT BINGO ONLY ONE
29 PERIOD EACH YEAR FOR NOT MORE THAN [THREE] SEVEN CONSECUTIVE
30 DAYS SHALL BE CHARGED \$15 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THEIR LICENSE. THE

1 FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID BY THE
2 LICENSING AUTHORITY INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY AND USED
3 FOR COUNTY PURPOSES. ALL RECORDS RETAINED BY THE LICENSING
4 AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BINGO LICENSES AND BINGO
5 PERMITS SHALL BE PUBLIC INFORMATION.

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7 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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