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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2918

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By Representative Wood

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing bona fide charitable and nonprofit  
2 organizations to conduct bingo; amending RCW 9.46.0205; and adding new  
3 sections to chapter 9.46 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0205 and 1987 c 4 s 3 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 "Bingo," as used in this chapter, means a game conducted only in  
8 the county within which the organization is principally located in  
9 which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated numbers or symbols  
10 on a card conforming to numbers or symbols selected at random and in  
11 which no cards are sold except at the time and place of said game, when  
12 said game is conducted by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit  
13 organization (~~which does not conduct or allow its premises to be used~~  
14 ~~for conducting bingo on more than three occasions per week and which~~  
15 ~~does not conduct bingo in any location which is used for conducting~~  
16 ~~bingo on more than three occasions per week)), or if an agricultural  
17 fair authorized under chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW, which does not  
18 conduct bingo on more than twelve consecutive days in any calendar  
19 year, and except in the case of any agricultural fair as authorized~~

1 under chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW, no person other than a bona fide  
2 member or an employee of said organization takes any part in the  
3 management or operation of said game, and no person who takes any part  
4 in the management or operation of said game takes any part in the  
5 management or operation of any game conducted by any other organization  
6 or any other branch of the same organization, unless approved by the  
7 commission, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure to the benefit of  
8 any person other than the organization conducting said game. For the  
9 purposes of this section, the organization shall be deemed to be  
10 principally located in the county within which it has its primary  
11 business office. If the organization has no business office, the  
12 organization shall be deemed to be located in the county of principal  
13 residence of its chief executive officer: PROVIDED, That any  
14 organization which is conducting any licensed and established bingo  
15 game in any locale as of January 1, 1981, shall be exempt from the  
16 requirement that such game be conducted in the county in which the  
17 organization is principally located.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) Notwithstanding RCW 9.46.070, the commission may not issue any  
21 new licenses under RCW 9.46.070(1) until July 1, 2007.

22 (2) The commission may allow existing licensees under RCW  
23 9.46.070(1) to share facilities at one location.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26 An entity licensed under RCW 9.46.070(1) which conducts or allows  
27 its premises to be used for conducting bingo on more than three  
28 occasions per week shall include the following statement in any  
29 advertising or promotion of gambling activity conducted by the  
30 licensee:

31 "CAUTION: Participation in gambling activity may result in  
32 pathological gambling behavior causing emotional and financial  
33 harm. For help, call 1-800-547-6133."

1        For purposes of this section, "advertising" includes print media,  
2 point-of-sale advertising, electronic media, billboards, and radio  
3 advertising.

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