
SENATE BILL 6054

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By Senators Prentice and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing approved organizations to share a
2 location for bingo; and amending RCW 9.46.0205.

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

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

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

1 bona fide member or an employee of said organization or organizations
2 takes any part in the management or operation of said game, and no
3 person who takes any part in the management or operation of said game
4 takes any part in the management or operation of any game conducted by
5 any other organization or any other branch of the same organization,
6 except when two approved organizations share one game location, unless
7 approved by the commission, and no part of the proceeds thereof inure
8 to the benefit of any person other than the organization conducting
9 said game. For the purposes of this section, the organization shall be
10 deemed to be principally located in the county within which it has its
11 primary business office. If the organization has no business office,
12 the organization shall be deemed to be located in the county of
13 principal 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.

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