

1446-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, Clements, Conway, B. Chandler, Kenney, Lisk and Eickmeyer)

Brief Description: Authorizing bona fide charitable and nonprofit organizations to conduct electronic bingo.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes bona fide charitable and nonprofit organizations to conduct electronic bingo.

Declares that "bingo" includes games conducted through an approved system of linked electronic bingo terminals located at one or more licensed bingo locations with the numbers or symbols selected at a single licensed location as of January 1, 2001, for all terminals on the system. The commission shall adopt rules for the testing, regulation, approval, and licensing of bingo games conducted through any system of linked electronic bingo terminals.

Declares an intent in authorizing systems of linked electronic bingo terminals that games played on such systems shall only include bingo games with electronic facsimiles of bingo displayed on the screen and with all players on the system competing against each other to match the numbers or symbols drawn in the game. Nothing in this act authorizes any form of slot machine or any other type of electronic gaming device wherein a player competes directly against the device.