

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 22, 1999

House Bill No. 1616

HOUSE BILL NO. 1616 -- By RICE of the House and LONG of the Senate.

An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending Section 3, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 1997 and Section 9, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 1997 (3A O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 402 and 408); which relate to the Oklahoma Charity Games Act; allowing two games to be played per bingo face; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 1997 (3A O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 402), is amended to read as follows:

Section 402. As used in the Oklahoma Charity Games Act, Section 401 et seq. of this title:

1. "Bingo" means a game in which each player receives a bingo face and covers the squares according to the numbers, letters, or combination of numbers and letters that have been announced by the caller. The numbers and letters called are on an object selected at random either manually or mechanically from a receptacle in which have been placed the objects bearing the numbers, letters, or combinations of numbers and letters corresponding to the system used for designating the bingo face squares. The winner of each bingo game is the player who first properly covers a predetermined and announced pattern of squares upon the bingo face being used by the player;

2. "Bingo face" means a flat piece of paper which is marked off into any number of squares in any arrangement of rows, with each square being designated by number, letter or combination of numbers and letters and with one or more squares designated as a "free" space with the word "Oklahoma" and a facsimile outline of a map of Oklahoma in it, which cannot be reused after ~~the game~~ two games in which a player has used it ~~is~~ are over;

3. "Breakopen ticket card" means a single folded or banded ticket or a card, the face of which is initially covered or otherwise hidden from view to conceal a number, letter, symbol, or set of letters or symbols, a few of which numbers, letters or symbols out of every set of charity game tickets have been designated in advance at random as prize winners and which is used in a breakopen ticket game;

4. "Breakopen ticket game" means a game wherein a player receives a breakopen ticket card. A breakopen ticket game shall meet the following criteria:

- a. the game shall be assembled so that no placement of winners or losers exists that allows the possibility of prize manipulation,
- b. the concealed numbers, letters, or symbols shall not be visible from the outside of the game using high intensity lamps. Protection shall be provided by the opaque paper stock employed, with the possible addition of colors and printed blockout patterns or by use of an aluminum foil laminate,
- c. a unique symbol or printed security device, such as a specific number keyed to particular winners or the name of the symbol or some of the symbol colors changed for a window, or other similar protection shall be placed in the winning windows of prize windows to ensure that the winner image is unique,
- d. it shall not be possible to detect or pick out winning from losing tickets through variations in printing graphics, color, or use of different printing plates,
- e. it shall not be possible to isolate winning or potential winning tickets from minor variations in size or cutting of the tickets comprising a particular packet, and
- f. each ticket in a game shall have a serial number. All tickets in a game shall have the same serial number appearing in a conspicuous place on the ticket;

5. "Business entity" means a person, company, corporation, or partnership organized for profit;

6. "Charity game" means a bingo game, U-PIK-EM bingo game, or breakopen ticket game conducted by an organization pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Charity Games Act;

7. "Charity game equipment" means any object uniquely designed for use in the conducting of a charity game including, but not limited to, bingo faces, U-PIK-EM bingo game sets, and breakopen ticket cards. Items used in conducting charity games which are not charity game equipment are ink markers, furniture and general furnishings of rooms where charity games are conducted;

8. "Commission" or "ABLE Commission" means the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission;

9. "Day session" means the set time frame within which conducting of charity games is authorized beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and ending no later than 5:00 p.m.;

10. "Deal" means one series of breakopen ticket game cards which has a stated number of winner payouts and a stated amount of the payouts;

11. "Distributor" means a person or business entity that sells, markets, or otherwise provides charity game equipment to an organization;

12. "Doing business" means either conducting a charity game by an organization or providing goods or services to an organization by a business entity;

13. "Employee" means a person who works for compensation in a licensed charity game establishment;

14. "Immediate family member" means a spouse, parent, child or sibling or spouse of a parent, child or sibling of a resident of a facility exempt from specific provisions of the Oklahoma Charity Games Act as provided in subsection C of Section 405 of this title;

15. "Licensee" means any person, organization, or business entity which has received a license from the Commission;

16. "Location" means the building, including the individual rooms and equipment in the rooms, grounds, and appurtenances, including adjacent premises if subject to the direct or indirect control of the organization while conducting a charity game, which are used in connection with or in furtherance of the conducting of a charity game;

17. "Manager" means a person who:

- a. is an employee of an organization,
- b. has supervisory authority over other employees or over the conduct of charity games, and
- c. has been designated as such by the organization pursuant to the provisions of subsection D of Section 408 of this title;

18. "Manufacturer" means a person or business entity that assembles from raw materials, supplies, or subparts to form a completed series of charity game equipment for use in charity games and that sells, markets, or otherwise provides such equipment to a distributor;

19. "Night session" means the set time frame within which conducting of charity games is authorized beginning no earlier than 5:00 p.m. and ending no later than 12:00 p.m. midnight;

20. "Organization" means a religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational, or other type of association or any branch, lodge, chapter, or auxiliary of such association which:

- a. operates without profit to its members,

- b. has been in existence and been operating as a nonprofit organization for not less than two (2) years prior to applying for an organization license,
- c. is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (19) of subsection (c) of Section 501 or paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 509 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c) et seq. or Section 509(a)(1), and
- d. formulates bylaws which clearly identify and establish:
 - (1) method of electing officers and their duties,
 - (2) method by which members are elected, initiated or admitted,
 - (3) the rights and privileges of each member,
 - (4) that each member has one vote, and
 - (5) that membership rights are personal to the member and not assignable;

21. "Progressive game" means a game in which prizes are allowed to be carried over and increased from session to session;

22. "U-PIK-EM bingo game" means a game played wherein a player writes the numbers on a U-PIK-EM bingo game set. The player retains one sheet of the set and deposits the second sheet in a receptacle in the control of the organization. The player then covers the numbers as the caller announces a number. The numbers called are on an object selected at random either manually or mechanically from a receptacle in which have been placed the objects bearing the numbers. The winner of each U-PIK-EM bingo game is the player who first covers all the numbers appearing on the retained sheet in accordance with the pattern as designated on the sheet; and

23. "U-PIK-EM bingo game set" means two paper sheets of carbonless paper both bearing identical serial numbers on which a player writes numbers or letters, wherein one sheet is retained by the player and used for playing and one sheet is held by the organization and used for verifying winners.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 9, Chapter 328, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 1997 (3A O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 408), is amended to read as follows:

Section 408. A. Any organization desiring to conduct a charity game in this state shall apply to the ABLE Commission for an organization license. An organization license shall only be issued to an organization and shall be used by that organization only. A business entity shall not be qualified under any conditions to hold or use an organization license.

B. An organization shall be limited to only one license and to doing business at only one location.

C. An organization shall use only disposable bingo faces purchased from a licensed distributor. Only ~~one game~~ two games shall be played on each bingo face; provided, nothing in this section shall be construed to exclude progressive games.

D. Only an organization or an employee or manager of an organization shall conduct a charity game for which a charge is made. Compensation may be paid to an organization or other person for conducting a charity game. Compensation for conducting charity games shall be paid in accordance with minimum wage provisions of federal law, and shall not exceed two times the amount of the minimum wage specified pursuant to federal law.

E. An initial application for an organization license shall be sworn and attested to by a principal officer of the applicant organization and shall include:

1. A certified copy of the document from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service which grants the applicant tax-exempt status and the federal identification number;
2. A certified copy of the articles of incorporation and certificate of incorporation of the organization;
3. A copy of the bylaws of the organization;
4. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the organization at which the governing body was elected and the terms of office of each member of the governing body;
5. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the governing body of the organization at which the application for the license was authorized;
6. The name and address of a person authorized to receive service of process on behalf of the organization;
7. The address of the location where the charity games will be conducted; and
8. Such other information deemed necessary by the Commission to assure eligibility for a license.

F. A renewal application shall only include any changes in the information required to be submitted with the initial application.

G. An organization license shall be placed within public view at all times in a conspicuous place at the location where the charity game is being conducted.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 2-18-99 -- DO PASS, As Coauthored.