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Overview

This is the lawful gambling omnibus bill for 2007.

Section

- 1** **Fraternal organization.** Defines a fraternal organization for purposes of regulation, specifically as a 501 (c) 8 or 501 (c) 10, and excludes fraternities and sororities from the definition.
- 2** **Lawful purpose.** Amends existing lawful purpose statutes to allow expenditures by fraternal organizations for water, fuel, heat, sewer, or other costs.
- 3** **Linked bingo prize pool.** Modifies the definition of a linked bingo prize pool, to allow for carryovers of prizes.
- 4** **Expenditure restrictions.** Allows 70 percent of gross profits from bingo to be used for allowable expenses, without any need to deduct taxes from that amount.
- 5** **Commercial products.** Prohibits the board from denying approval of pull-tab or tipboard games solely because the game is similar to or bears the image of a licensed commercial product.
- 6** **Linked bingo games.** Allows progressive linked bingo games, with prize carry-overs.
- 7** **Prize limits.** Changes bingo rules to allow games where all odd or even numbers are designated as covered at the start of the game. Allows carry-overs, limits consolation prizes to \$200 per occasion; Defines terms for carry-overs. Increases the amount that may be charged for a pulltab from \$2 to \$5. Allows tipboard tickets to be sold for \$5.
- 8** **Repealer.** Repeals a statute requiring separate banking arrangements for linked bingo.
- 9** **Effective date.** Makes Section 4 effective on July 1. Sections 5 to 8 are effective the day

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following final enactment.