

House Research Act Summary

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Overview

This chapter made various technical changes to laws affecting lawful gambling. It also expressly prohibited the state lottery from conducting sales of electronic scratch-off lottery tickets over the internet, as well as any lottery tickets from self-service dispensers attached to fuel pumps or in ATMs. Because of these limitations on the state lottery, the governor vetoed this chapter.

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- 1 Continuation Raffle.** Added definition for a continuation raffle. These raffles would be conducted over time, but no longer than 12 consecutive months, and the pool of players eligible to win would shrink with each drawing, until a pre-specified number of players remained.
- 2 Gambling Equipment.** Updated the definition of disposable gambling equipment to include raffle boards.
- 3 Hot Ball Bingo.** Created a definition in law for this new type of bingo game. In this type of game, a bingo number would be pre-determined to be the “hot ball” prior to the start of the occasion. If a player completed a bingo with the “hot ball,” they would win an additional prize. All players involved in the occasion must be able to win the hot ball prize, and cannot be charged any additional fee for participation.
- 4 Raffle Board.** Created a definition in law for raffle boards.
- 5 Merged Organizations.** Removes a restriction in law regarding licensing new lawful gambling organizations. Under current law, an organization must be in existence for three years before it is eligible to participate in lawful gambling. This provision would allow two organizations to merge, and provided that one of the merged organizations was previously a

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licensed organization, waive the three-year requirement for the new organization.

- 6 **Promotional Materials.** Changed the law regarding promotional materials which are paid for by a manufacturer. Allowed for up to \$250 of promotional materials to be provided to licensed organizations, provided other requirements were met.
- 7 **Disposable sealed placard requirements.** Updated law to allow for sealed placards to be used in bingo games.
- 8 **Raffle board standards.** Created rules specific to raffle boards. These mirror rules in place for other types of gambling equipment.
- 9 **Prohibition.** Adds exception to list of prohibitions for promotional materials authorized in section 6
- 10 **Bingo cards and sheets.** Made minor changes to definition of bingo cards.
- 11 **Conduct of Bingo.** Added “cover none” game to bingo definition.
- 12 **Linked bingo games played exclusively on electronic bingo devices.** Changed the requirements related to information that must be retained by lawful gambling organizations for players playing bingo on electronic devices.
- 13 **Sale of tickets.** Made modifications to the definition of placards used in non-sports themed tipboards.
- 14 **Determination of winners.** Modified method for determining winners using new placards provided for in section 13.
- 15 **Electronic pull-tab device requirements and restrictions.** Provides that licensed organizations are not required to retain or register any information from an electronic pull-tab player’s identification card, other than for prizes expressly required by statute.
- 16 **Conduct of raffles.** Allows a licensed organization to visibly display raffle prizes instead of posting a complete list. Also allows an organization to conduct a raffle in conjunction with a wild game or fish taking event.
- 17 **Organization and lessor employees and volunteers.** Updates the law with respect to volunteers. Allows an individual who participated as a volunteer in certain games to play at a licensed premises the next following day, rather than requiring a 6-week waiting period necessary under current law.
- 18 **Accounts.** Changes accounting and deposit standards.
- 19 **Pull-tab records.** Requires identification for anyone cashing out an electronic pull tab device with \$600 or more. The organization must retain any information required by the Board for at least three-and-a-half years.

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- 20** **Information made part of organization minutes.** Updates what information must be included in meeting minutes.
- 21** **Bingo.** Updates bingo definitions to allow for cover-none games.
- 22** **Linked bingo prizes.** Changes limits for bingo prizes awarded during linked bingo games.
- 23** **Hot-ball bingo prize.** Allows for a \$500 per occasion bingo prize on a hot-ball bingo game, as provided for in section 3.
- 24** **Progressive bingo games.** Alters minimum starting point for progressive bingo games.
- 25** **Restrictions.** Increases express limitations on the director of the state lottery. Prohibits the lottery from offering, in any form, play of casino-style games such as blackjack, craps, keno, dice games, roulette, and poker.
- 26** **Repealer.** Repealed effective date for liquor sales at TCF bank stadium to allow for future sales.
- 27** **State Lottery; Self-service and online sales.** Required the director of the state lottery to cease the sale of online scratch-type games. Would allow the director to continue selling subscription-based games. Also prohibited the sale of all lottery tickets through an ATM apparatus or as part of a display connected to, or located adjacent to, a gas pump. Prohibition would have continued in perpetuity absent future legislative change.
- 28** **Repealer.** Repealed provisions related to accounting practices.
- 29** **Effective date.** All sections effective the day following final enactment.