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SENATE BILL 6581

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By Senators Swecker, Franklin, Heavey, Winsley, Deccio and Hale

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1            AN ACT Relating to bingo; and amending RCW 9.46.0205.

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

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

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

1 part in the management or operation of (~~said~~) the game, and no person  
2 who takes any part in the management or operation of (~~said~~) the game  
3 takes any part in the management or operation of any game conducted by  
4 any other organization or any other branch of the same organization,  
5 unless approved by the commission, and no part of the proceeds thereof  
6 inure to the benefit of any person other than the organization  
7 conducting (~~said~~) the game. For the purposes of this section, the  
8 organization shall be deemed to be principally located in the county  
9 within which it has its primary business office. If the organization  
10 has no business office, the organization shall be deemed to be located  
11 in the county of principal residence of its chief executive officer:  
12 PROVIDED, That any organization which is conducting any licensed and  
13 established bingo game in any locale as of January 1, 1981, shall be  
14 exempt from the requirement that such game be conducted in the county  
15 in which the organization is principally located.

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