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SENATE BILL ***19-FN***

AN ACT relative to the operation of bingo games and the sale of lucky 7 tickets.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the permitted number of game dates of bingo and lucky 7 ticket sales allowed for licensees each month and within each calendar year, changes the reimbursement amounts that may be paid to bona fide members of charitable organizations, and allows lucky 7 tickets to be sold in conjunction with bingo games.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to the operation of bingo games and the sale of lucky 7 tickets.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 139:1 Bingo Licenses; Game Dates. Amend RSA 287-E:6, II(a)-(b) to read as follows:

2 (a) No more than one license shall be issued to a charitable organization per calendar month,
3 and the license shall permit no more than [40] **16** game dates of bingo in one calendar month, and in no
4 more than one town or city which has authorized bingo games under RSA 287-E:27. The license shall
5 expire on the last game date authorized under said license.

6 (b) The provisions of subparagraph II(a) notwithstanding, a license may be issued to a
7 charitable organization per fiscal year, and the license shall permit no more than [40] **16** game dates of
8 bingo in one calendar month and no more than [120] **192** game dates of bingo in one calendar year. The
9 license shall expire on the last game date authorized under the license. Charitable organizations electing
10 to receive an annual license under this paragraph shall be ineligible to receive concurrently a monthly
11 license under subparagraph II(a), and charitable organizations licensed under subparagraph II(a) shall be
12 ineligible to receive concurrently an annual license under this subparagraph.

13 139:2 Operation of Bingo Games. Amend RSA 287-E:7, II(a) to read as follows:

14 II.(a) No compensation shall be paid to bona fide members of a charitable organization or others,
15 except as provided in subparagraph (b), who operate or assist in the operation of a bingo game.
16 Compensation shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, money or any other thing of value. Bona fide
17 members of a charitable organization who operate or assist in the operation of bingo games may be
18 reimbursed for their [~~out-of-pocket~~] expenses in an amount not to exceed [\$25] **\$50** per game date,
19 provided that such expenses are [~~itemized and~~] submitted in writing to the charitable organization.

20 139:3 New Subparagraph; Sale of Lucky 7 Tickets. Amend RSA 287-E:21, II by inserting after
21 subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

22 (d) Lucky 7 tickets may be sold in conjunction with bingo games for no more than 16 game
23 dates in one calendar month, and no more than 192 game dates in one calendar year.

24 139:4 Sale of Lucky 7 Tickets. Amend RSA 287-E:21, III-a to read as follows:

25 III-a. Lucky 7 tickets may be sold by dispenser devices approved by the commission and located
26 at the regular meeting place of, or at a facility owned, leased, or utilized by, the licensee for its activities,
27 including facilities licensed under RSA 287-D, provided that such device dispenses a paper or cardboard
28 ticket and specifications for such dispenser device are contained in the rules of the commission. Any
29 permitted lucky 7 device shall not be in the nature of a slot machine and the outcome of any wager
30 involving a permitted lucky 7 device shall be determined by the cardboard or paper ticket, or the video
31 monitor when so equipped. Devices capable of displaying the outcome on a video monitor shall provide
32 the player with the option of printing a paper ticket. No charitable organization shall be licensed to sell

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- 1 lucky 7 tickets for more than [10] **16** days per month when selling tickets at a facility licensed under RSA
- 2 287-D. Lucky 7 tickets sold at said facilities may be sold during all hours for which the facility is licensed
- 3 to operate.
- 4 139:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 30, 2023
Effective Date: June 30, 2023

