

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1415  
(Representatives Delmore, Blum, M. Johnson)  
(Senator Sorvaag)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 12 of section 53-06.1-01, subsections 1 and 4 of section 53-06.1-01.1, subsections 2 and 3 of section 53-06.1-03, subsections 1 and 3 of section 53-06.1-06, subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-10.2, subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-11, subsection 3 of section 53-06.1-14, and subsection 8 of section 53-06.1-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to games of chance.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 12 of section 53-06.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12. "Manufacturer" means, for a pull tab or bingo card, a person who designs, prints, assembles, or produces the product. For a pull tab ~~or bingo card~~ dispensing device ~~or~~ bingo card marking device, or fifty-fifty raffle system, a manufacturer means the person who directly controls and manages development of and owns the rights to the proprietary software encoded on a processing chip that enables the device to operate.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The state gaming commission consists of the chairman and four other members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate. The members serve three-year terms and until a successor is appointed and qualified. If the senate is not in session when the term of a member expires, the governor may make an interim appointment, and the interim appointee holds office until the senate confirms or rejects the appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy arising from other than the natural expiration of a term serves only for the unexpired portion of the term. The terms of the commissioners must be staggered so ~~that one term expires~~ no more than two terms expire each July first.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 53-06.1-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. The commission shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter 28-32, to administer and regulate the gaming industry, including methods of conduct, play, and promotion of games; minimum procedures and standards for recordkeeping and internal control; requiring tax returns and reports from organizations or distributors; methods of competition and doing business by distributors and manufacturers; acquisition and use of gaming equipment; quality standards or specifications for the manufacture of pull tabs, paper bingo cards, pull tab ~~and bingo card~~ dispensing devices, ~~and~~ bingo card marking devices, and fifty-fifty raffle systems; to ensure that net proceeds are used for educational, charitable, patriotic, fraternal, religious, or public-spirited uses; to protect and promote the public interest; to ensure fair and honest games; to ensure that fees and taxes are paid; and to prevent and detect unlawful gambling activity.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 53-06.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

2. An eligible organization shall apply for a license to conduct only bingo, electronic quick shot bingo, raffles, calcuttas, pull tabs, punchboards, twenty-one, paddlewheels, poker, or sports pools by:

- a. First securing approval for a site authorization from the governing body of the city or county in which the proposed site is located. Approval, which may be granted at the discretion of the governing body, must be recorded on a site authorization form that is to accompany the license application to the attorney general for final approval. A governing body may not require an eligible organization to donate net proceeds to the city, county, or related political subdivision or for community programs or services within the city or county as a condition for receiving a site authorization from the city or county. A governing body may limit the number of tables for the game of twenty-one per site and the number of sites upon which a licensed organization may conduct games within the city or county. A governing body may charge a one hundred dollar fee for a site authorization; and
  - b. Annually applying for a license from the attorney general before July first on a form prescribed by the attorney general and remitting a one hundred fifty dollar license fee for each city or county that approves a site authorization. However, the attorney general may allow an organization that only conducts a raffle or calcutta in two or more cities or counties to annually apply for a consolidated license and remit a one hundred fifty dollar license fee for each city or county in which a site is located. An organization shall document that it qualifies as an eligible organization. If an organization amends its primary purpose as stated in its articles of incorporation or materially changes its basic character, the organization shall reapply for licensure.
3. A licensed organization or organization that has a permit shall conduct games as follows:
- a. Only one licensed organization or organization that has a permit may conduct games at an authorized site on a day, except that a raffle may be conducted for a special occasion by another licensed organization or organization that has a permit when one of these conditions is met:
    - (1) When the area for the raffle is physically separated from the area where games are conducted by the regular organization.
    - (2) Upon request of the regular organization and with the approval of the alcoholic beverage establishment, the regular organization's license or permit is suspended for that specific time of day by the attorney general.
  - b. Except for a temporary site authorized for fourteen or fewer consecutive days for not more than two events per quarter, a licensed organization may not have more than twenty-five sites unless granted a waiver by the attorney general. If the attorney general finds that there is no other licensed organization interested in conducting gaming at a site for which a waiver is being sought, the attorney general may approve the waiver for no more than five sites.
  - c. Games of electronic quick shot bingo, pull tabs, punchboards, twenty-one, paddlewheels, poker, and sports pools may be conducted only during the hours when alcoholic beverages may be dispensed according to applicable regulations of the state, county, or city.
  - d. An organization may not permit a person under twenty-one years of age to directly or indirectly play pull tabs, punchboards, twenty-one, calcuttas, sports pools, paddlewheels, or poker. An organization may not permit an individual under eighteen years of age to directly or indirectly play electronic quick shot bingo. An organization may not permit a ~~person~~an individual under eighteen years of age to directly or indirectly play bingo unless the ~~person~~individual is accompanied by an adult, bingo is conducted by an organization that has a permit, or the game's prize structure does not exceed that allowed for a permit.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 1 and 3 of section 53-06.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

1. No person, except a member, volunteer, an employee of a licensed organization or an organization that has a permit, or an employee of a temporary employment agency who provides services to a licensed organization, may manage, control, or conduct any game. "Member" includes a member of an auxiliary organization. In conducting pull tabs, or prize boards, or bingo through a dispensing device, selling raffle tickets, or conducting sports pools, the attorney general may allow an employee of an alcoholic beverage establishment to provide limited assistance to an organization.
3. An organization and distributor shall maintain complete, accurate, and legible bank and accounting records in North Dakota for all gaming activity and establish a system of internal control as prescribed by rule. The governing board of an eligible organization is primarily responsible and may be held accountable for the proper determination and use of net proceeds. If an organization does not renew its license or its license is denied, relinquished, or revoked and it has not disbursed all of its net proceeds, the organization shall file an action plan as prescribed by the gaming rules with the attorney general.

**SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Electronic quick shot bingo is a bingo game played on portable hand-held bingo devices utilizing electronic bingo card images. The maximum sales price per electronic bingo card is five dollars. The bingo game is played using twenty-four predrawn letters and numbers and may use up to six bonus letters and numbers to achieve predetermined patterns. The letters and numbers may only be drawn by the organization either manually or with the use of a random number generator, once during a business day and before the beginning of any session. It is not required for each bingo game to have a winner. The bingo devices used in conjunction with a site operating system automatically daubs the called letters and numbers via a radio frequency signal or wi-fi transmission on a maximum of sixteen electronic bingo cards for an individual game. The site operating system, including the point-of-sale, allows an employee to deposit credits received from a player by cash, check, or debit card to a temporary credit account to be used by a player for the purchase of electronic bingo cards. The devices may determine a winning bingo and must accumulate the winning prize amounts in a separate winnings account which may only be redeemed by an employee.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. All money received from games must be accounted for according to the gaming rules. Gaming activity for a quarter must be reported on a tax return form prescribed by the attorney general. Unless otherwise authorized by the attorney general, the purchase price of a merchandise prize must be paid from a gaming bank account by check. A cash prize paid by check must be paid from a gaming bank account. No check drawn from a gaming or trust bank account may be payable to "cash" or a fictitious payee. A cash prize that exceeds an amount set by rule must be accounted for by a receipt prescribed by the gaming rules.

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 53-06.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. A licensed distributor shall affix a North Dakota gaming stamp to each deal of pull tabs ~~and bingo cards~~, raffle board, punchboard, sports pool board, calcutta board, and series of paddlewheel ticket cards sold or otherwise provided to a licensed organization or organization that has a permit and shall purchase the stamps from the attorney general for thirty-five cents each. Ten cents of each stamp sold by the attorney general, up to thirty-six thousand dollars per biennium, must be credited to the attorney general's operating fund to defray the costs of issuing and administering the gaming stamps.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 53-06.1-15.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8. Require or authorize an organization to pay or prohibit an organization from paying a bingo, electronic quick shot bingo, or raffle prize to a player on a dispute or based on a factual determination or a hearing by the attorney general.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1415.

House Vote:    Yeas 79            Nays 13            Absent 2

Senate Vote:    Yeas 44            Nays 2            Absent 1

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State