

SESSION OF 2011

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 76**

As Agreed to May 12, 2011

Brief*

SB 76 would amend existing bingo statutes by making the following amendments:

- Create a new method of conducting “instant bingo” games as a designated call game;
- Remove the \$1 charge limit for regular games of bingo;
- Raise the maximum charge for a single instant bingo ticket from \$1 to \$2;
- Increase the number of hours instant bingo tickets can be sold prior to the start of a regular session from one to two hours;
- Remove the \$1,000 prize limit for progressive games;
- Increase the starting prize for progressive games from \$250 to \$400;
- Remove the three game limit of instant bingo;
- Increase the number of mini games allowed per session from 20 to 30;

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- Restrict mini bingo games to begin no less than two hours prior to the first regular game of bingo, or continue not less than one hour after the last regular game;
- Exclude food offered to volunteer duty staff from being considered remuneration if it does not exceed \$10 in value per volunteer;
- Clarify that a licensee contracted by a beneficiary organization is included among licensees allowed to operate games; and
- Require that at least one member of the licensee organization be on duty during a session, assist with the game, and be listed with the Office of Charitable Gaming.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to delete the contents of SB 76, relating to physical therapists and physical therapy assistants, and replace them with the contents of SB 201, as amended by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs, relating to bingo.

Background

Proponents of SB 201, as introduced, included representatives from All American Bingo, Hayden High School, American Legion, and Mid American Consulting. Written testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Charitable Gaming Association. No opponents testified on the original bill.

The Committee amended the bill by clarifying that a remuneration limit applied to each volunteer, and by prohibiting bingo games from beginning two hours prior to the first regular game of bingo or not less than one hour after the

last regular game. The Committee made the enactment of the original bill upon publication in the statute.

According to the fiscal note from the Division of Budget, passage of the original bill would increase tax revenue, but the tax would be negligible.

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