

HCS HB 1318 -- BINGO

SPONSOR: Brown (57)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 9 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 7 to 1.

Currently, individuals that are bona fide members of a licensed organization may conduct or manage the game of bingo if he or she has been a member of the organization for at least two years or participate in the operation of the game of bingo under the direction of an individual conducting or managing the game of bingo, if he or she has been a member of the organization for at least one year. An ordained member of the clergy and any full-time employee or staff member of the organization who has been employed for at least two years by the organization and in a capacity not directly related to the game of bingo may volunteer his or her time and assistance, without compensation, to participate in the operation of a bingo game for the organization.

This bill, upon voter approval, allows a bona fide member or employee of the licensed organization to conduct, manage, or participate in the operation of a bingo game if he or she has been a member or employee for six months.

The bill also eliminates the current sales tax on non-profit bingo game earnings under Section 313.055, RSMo.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow not-for-profit organizations, churches, and charities to more efficiently conduct bingo games.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brown (57) and Compton Heights Band, Inc.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.