

HCS HB 1776 -- BINGO

SPONSOR: Engler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows any person who has been a bona fide member of an organization licensed to conduct bingo for at least six months to participate in the operation of a bingo game.

Currently, an ordained member of the clergy and any full-time employee or staff member of the licensed 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 changes the amount of time he or she is employed by the organization from two years to six months. This bill changes the law restricting advertising.

This bill is the same as HB 1532 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that new members of an organization are more likely to volunteer.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Engler and the Missouri Press Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.