

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003

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HOUSE BILL 1637

Short Title: Beach Bingo Licensing.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gorman.

Referred to: Finance.

May 24, 2004

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT BEACH BINGO OPERATORS BE LICENSED IN
3 THE SAME MANNER AS EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING BINGO
4 GAMES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REGULATION OF
5 BEACH BINGO.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-309.14 reads as rewritten:

8 "§ 14-309.14. Beach bingo.

9 Nothing in this Article shall apply to "beach bingo" games except for the following
10 subdivisions:

11 (1) Beach bingo operators shall comply with the licensing requirements of
12 G.S. 14-309.7(a), (b)(1), and (b)(4) in the same manner as exempt
13 organizations operating bingo games.

14 ~~(1)~~(2) No beach bingo game may offer a prize having a value greater than ten
15 dollars (\$10.00). Any person offering a greater than ten-dollar (\$10.00)
16 but less than fifty-dollar (\$50.00) prize is guilty of a Class 2
17 misdemeanor. Any person offering a prize of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or
18 greater is guilty of a Class I felony.

19 ~~(2)~~(3) No beach bingo game may be held in conjunction with any other
20 lawful bingo game, with any "promotional bingo game", or with any
21 offering of an opportunity to obtain anything of value, whether for
22 valuable consideration or not. No beach bingo game may offer free
23 bingo games as a promotion, for prizes or otherwise. Any person who
24 violates this subsection is guilty of a Class I felony.

25 ~~(3)~~(4) G.S. 18B-308 shall apply to beach bingo games.

26 ~~(4)~~(5) Upon conviction under any provision of this section, such person shall
27 not conduct a bingo game for a period of at least one year."

28 SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
29 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of fifty thousand dollars

1 (\$50,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to fund the licensing and regulation of Beach
2 Bingo.
3 **SECTION 3.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective July 1, 2004, and
4 the remainder of this act becomes effective October 1, 2004.