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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 2005

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Robert W. Godshall, Chairman *R.W.G.*
Tourism and Recreational Development Committee

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Bingo Law and Small Games of Chance

I will be introducing legislation that will combine the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act and the Bingo Law and make changes to both laws.

Of particular note is that licensing and investigatory authority for the Bingo Law will be transferred from county treasurers to an independent licensing entity established by the General Assembly. This will enable us to better oversee bingo and maintain effective statewide regulation of the activities. The legislation was drafted in two versions:

1. Combines Local Option Small Games of Chance Act and Bingo Law; allows organizations offering small games of chance to have more than one daily drawing per day and increases the weekly prize limit; amends Bingo Law to transfer licensing authority to independent entity, double the prize limit to \$500, increase the jackpot limit to \$2,500 and increase the daily total prize limit to \$5,000, and allow pull-tab and scratch-off bingo, electronic pull-tab bingo, and intra-site and multi-site progressive jackpots.
2. Combines Local Option Small Games of Chance Act and Bingo Law; amends Bingo Law to transfer licensing authority to independent entity, double the prize limit to \$500, increase the jackpot limit to \$2,500 and increase the daily total prize limit to \$5,000, and allow pull-tab and scratch-off bingo, electronic pull-tab bingo, and intra-site and multi-site progressive jackpots.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jane or Sharon at 783-6429 and indicate which of the bills, or both, you would like to co-sponsor.



Lori Losch - Re: Fwd: Bingo etc.

From: Nathaniel Hench
To: Lori Losch
Date: 3/3/2005 2:25:31 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Bingo etc.

HB 315 – Amends Small Games of Chance to include Commercial Entities in the term “eligible organizations.”

HB 569 – Increases prize limits under Small Games of Chance

HB 274 – Increases the number of special permits under Small Games of Chance

HB 598 – Decreases the length of time a person must be a member in order to qualify as a “bona fide” member under the Bingo law.

HB 177 – Eliminates the requirement that a person must be a member for at least one-year in order to be considered a “bona fide” member.

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Would you be able to provide this info soon. Rep. Zug asked for the information again today. Thanks

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