

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 1621**

Short Title: Charitable Bingo Fee/Prize Limits Increased.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Culpepper.

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Referred to: Finance.

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May 11, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE LICENSING FEE AND PRIZE LIMITS FOR  
2 CHARITABLE BINGO.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-309.7(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) An exempt organization may not operate a bingo game at a location without a  
7 license. Application for a bingo license shall be made to the Department of Crime  
8 Control and Public Safety on a form prescribed by the Department. The Department  
9 shall charge an annual application fee of ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ two hundred  
10 dollars (\$200.00) to defray the cost of issuing bingo licenses and handling bingo audit  
11 reports. The fees collected shall be deposited in the General Fund of the State. This  
12 license shall expire one year after the granting of the license. This license may be  
13 renewed yearly, if the applicant pays the application fee and files an audit with the  
14 Department pursuant to G.S. 14-309.11. A copy of the application and license shall be  
15 furnished to the local law-enforcement agency in the county or municipality in which  
16 the licensee intends to operate before bingo is conducted by the licensee."

17 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-309.9(a) reads as rewritten:

18 "(a) The maximum prize in cash or merchandise that may be offered or paid for  
19 any one game of bingo is ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
20 The maximum aggregate amount of prizes, in cash and/or merchandise, that may be  
21 offered or paid at any one session of bingo is ~~one thousand five hundred dollars~~  
22 ~~(\$1,500)~~ three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Provided, however, that if an exempt  
23 organization holds only one session of bingo during a calendar week, the maximum  
24 aggregate amount of prizes, in cash and/or merchandise, that may be offered or paid at  
25 any one session is ~~two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)~~ five thousand dollars  
26 (\$5,000)."

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.