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SENATE BILL 177

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMING; AUTHORIZING BINGO LICENSEES TO ALLOW GAMING
BY PULL-TAB INDEPENDENT OF A BINGO OCCASION; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 60-2F-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009,
Chapter 81, Section 15) is amended to read:

"60-2F-15. PERSONS PERMITTED TO CONDUCT BINGO [~~AND PULL-~~
~~TAB~~] GAMES--PREMISES.--

A. The officers of a bingo licensee shall designate
a bingo manager to be in charge and primarily responsible for
the conduct of all games of bingo [~~and pull-tabs~~]. The bingo
manager shall supervise all bingo activities on the occasion
for which the bingo manager is in charge. The bingo manager
shall be familiar with the provisions of the state laws, the

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1 rules of the board and the provisions of the bingo license.
2 The bingo manager shall be present on the premises continuously
3 during the bingo games and for a period of at least thirty
4 minutes after the last bingo game.

5 B. The bingo manager shall designate a game
6 accountant to be primarily responsible for the proper
7 preparation of the quarterly reports in accordance with the New
8 Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act.

9 C. For a bingo game, the bingo manager shall
10 designate a bingo caller to be responsible for drawing and
11 announcing the bingo numbers.

12 D. The premises where any game of chance is being
13 held, operated or conducted or where it is intended that any
14 equipment be used shall at all times be open to inspection by
15 the board and its agents and employees and by peace officers of
16 the state or any political subdivision of the state.

17 E. No owner or co-owner of the premises or, if a
18 corporation is the owner of the premises, any officer, director
19 or stockholder owning more than ten percent of the outstanding
20 stock shall be designated as a bingo manager, a game accountant
21 or a bingo caller."

22 SECTION 2. A new Section 60-2F-15.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted
23 to read:

24 "60-2F-15.1. [NEW MATERIAL] PERSONS PERMITTED TO CONDUCT
25 PULL-TAB GAMES--PREMISES.--

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1 A. Only a veterans' or fraternal organization that
2 is a bingo licensee may operate pull-tab machines when the
3 organization is not concurrently operating a bingo occasion.

4 B. The bingo licensee shall designate a bingo
5 manager to be in charge and primarily responsible for the
6 conduct of all games of pull-tabs. The bingo manager shall
7 supervise all activities for which the bingo manager is in
8 charge. The bingo manager shall be familiar with the
9 provisions of the state laws, the rules of the board and the
10 provisions of the bingo license. The bingo manager need not be
11 present on the premises continuously while a veterans' or
12 fraternal organization that is a bingo licensee is operating
13 pull-tab games.

14 C. The bingo manager shall designate a game
15 accountant to be primarily responsible for the proper
16 preparation of the quarterly reports in accordance with the New
17 Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act.

18 D. The premises where any game of chance is being
19 held, operated or conducted, or where it is intended that any
20 equipment be used, shall at all times be open to inspection by
21 the board and its agents and employees and by peace officers of
22 the state or any political subdivision of the state.

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24 corporation is the owner of the premises, any officer, director
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1 stock, shall be designated as a bingo manager or a game
2 accountant."

3 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
4 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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