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21104331D **SENATE BILL NO. 1127** 1 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 3 (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations 4 5 6 on February 3, 2021) (Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Reeves) A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-334.2, 18.2-340.16, 18.2-340.19, 18.2-340.23, 18.2-340.25, 7 18.2-340.26:1, 18.2-340.27, 18.2-340.28, 18.2-340.28:1, and 18.2-340.34 of the Code of Virginia, 8 relating to charitable gaming; conduct of instant bingo, network bingo, pull tabs, and seal cards. 9 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That §§ 18.2-334.2, 18.2-340.16, 18.2-340.19, 18.2-340.23, 18.2-340.25, 18.2-340.26:1, 18.2-340.27, 10 18.2-340.28, 18.2-340.28:1, and 18.2-340.34 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as 11 follows: 12 § 18.2-334.2. Exception to article; bingo games, raffles, duck races, and Texas Hold'em poker 13 14 tournaments conducted by certain organizations. 15 Nothing in this article shall apply to any bingo game, instant bingo, network bingo, raffle, duck race, or Texas Hold'em poker tournament conducted solely by organizations as defined in § 18.2-340.16 16 which that have received a permit as set forth in § 18.2-340.25, or which are exempt from the permit 17 18 requirement under § 18.2-340.23. § 18.2-340.16. Definitions. 19 20 As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning: 21 "Bingo" means a specific game of chance played with (i) individual cards having randomly numbered 22 squares ranging from one to 75, (ii) Department-approved electronic devices that display facsimiles of 23 bingo cards and are used for the purpose of marking and monitoring players' cards as numbers are called, or (iii) Department-approved cards, in which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated 24 25 numbers on such cards conforming to a predetermined pattern of numbers selected at random. 26 "Board" means the Charitable Gaming Board created pursuant to § 2.2-2455. 27 "Bona fide member" means an individual who participates in activities of a qualified organization 28 other than such organization's charitable gaming activities. 29 "Charitable gaming" or "charitable games" means those raffles, Texas Hold'em poker tournaments, 30 and games of chance explicitly authorized by this article. "Charitable gaming supplies" includes bingo cards or sheets, devices for selecting bingo numbers, 31 32 instant bingo cards, pull-tab cards and seal cards, playing cards for Texas Hold'em poker, poker chips, and any other equipment or product manufactured for or intended to be used in the conduct of charitable 33 34 games. However, for the purposes of this article, charitable gaming supplies shall not include items 35 incidental to the conduct of charitable gaming such as markers, wands, or tape. 36 'Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. 37 "Conduct" means the actions associated with the provision of a gaming operation during and immediately before or after the permitted activity, which may include, but not be limited to, (i) selling 38 39 bingo cards or packs, electronic devices, instant bingo or pull-tab cards, or raffle tickets, (ii) calling 40 bingo games, (iii) distributing prizes, and (iv) any other services provided by volunteer workers. "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. 41 42 "Fair market rental value" means the rent that a rental property will bring when offered for lease by a lessor who desires to lease the property but is not obligated to do so and leased by a lessee under no 43 44 necessity of leasing. 45 "Gaming expenses" means prizes, supplies, costs of publicizing gaming activities, audit and administration or permit fees, and a portion of the rent, utilities, accounting and legal fees and such 46 47 other reasonable and proper expenses as are directly incurred for the conduct of charitable gaming. **48** "Gross receipts" means the total amount of money generated by an organization from charitable 49 gaming before the deduction of expenses, including prizes. 50 "Instant bingo," "pull tabs," or "seal cards" means specific games of chance played by the random 51 selection of one or more individually prepacked cards, including Department-approved electronic versions thereof, with winners being determined by the preprinted or predetermined appearance of 52 concealed letters, numbers or symbols that must be exposed by the player to determine wins and losses 53 54 and may include the use of a seal card which conceals one or more numbers or symbols that have been 55 designated in advance as prize winners. Such cards may be dispensed by electronic or mechanical 56 equipment. 57 "Jackpot" means a bingo game that the organization has designated on its game program as a jackpot game in which the prize amount is greater than \$100. 58 59 "Landlord" means any person or his agent, firm, association, organization, partnership, or corporation,

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employee, or immediate family member thereof, which owns and leases, or leases any premises devoted 60 in whole or in part to the conduct of bingo games, and any person residing in the same household as a 61

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63 "Management" means the provision of oversight of a gaming operation, which may include, but is 64 not limited to, the responsibilities of applying for and maintaining a permit or authorization, compiling, 65 submitting and maintaining required records and financial reports, and ensuring that all aspects of the 66 operation are in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

"Network bingo" means a specific bingo game in which pari-mutuel play is permitted. 67

"Network bingo provider" means a person licensed by the Department to operate network bingo. 68

"Operation" means the activities associated with production of a charitable gaming activity, which 69 may include, but not be limited to (i) the direct on-site supervision of the conduct of charitable gaming; 70 (ii) coordination of volunteers; and (iii) all responsibilities of charitable gaming designated by the 71 72 organization's management.

"Organization" means any one of the following:

74 1. A volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency or auxiliary unit thereof that has been recognized in accordance with § 15.2-955 by an ordinance or resolution of the 75 76 political subdivision where the volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services 77 agency is located as being a part of the safety program of such political subdivision;

78 2. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to \$ 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 79 Code, is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively for religious, charitable, community or 80 educational purposes, and awards scholarships to accredited public institutions of higher education or other postsecondary schools licensed or certified by the Board of Education or the State Council of 81 Higher Education for Virginia; 82

83 3. An athletic association or booster club or a band booster club established solely to raise funds for 84 school-sponsored athletic or band activities for a public school or private school accredited pursuant to 85 § 22.1-19 or to provide scholarships to students attending such school;

4. An association of war veterans or auxiliary units thereof organized in the United States;

5. A fraternal association or corporation operating under the lodge system;

88 6. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to \$ 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 89 Code and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to provide services and other 90 resources to older Virginians, as defined in § 51.5-116;

91 7. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to \$ 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 92 Code and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to foster youth amateur sports;

93 8. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to \$ 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to provide health care services or 94 95 conduct medical research:

96 9. An accredited public institution of higher education or other postsecondary school licensed or 97 certified by the Board of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia that is exempt 98 from income tax pursuant to \$501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

99 10. A church or religious organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the 100 Internal Revenue Code; 101

11. A local chamber of commerce: or

102 7. 12. Any other nonprofit organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to \$ 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and that raises funds by conducting raffles, bingo, instant bingo, pull tabs, or 103 seal cards that generate annual gross receipts of \$40,000 or less, provided that such gross receipts from 104 the raffle, less expenses and prizes, are used exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or 105 106 community purposes.

"Pari-mutuel play" means an integrated network operated by a licensee of the Department comprised 107 108 of participating charitable organizations for the conduct of network bingo games in which the purchase 109 of a network bingo card by a player automatically includes the player in a pool with all other players in the network, and where the prize to the winning player is awarded based on a percentage of the total 110 111 amount of network bingo cards sold in a particular network.

"Qualified organization" means any organization to which a valid permit has been issued by the 112 113 Department to conduct charitable gaming or any organization that is exempt pursuant to § 18.2-340.23.

114 'Raffle" means a lottery in which the prize is won by (i) a random drawing of the name or prearranged number of one or more persons purchasing chances or (ii) a random contest in which the 115 116 winning name or preassigned number of one or more persons purchasing chances is determined by a race involving inanimate objects floating on a body of water, commonly referred to as a "duck race." 117

"Reasonable and proper business expenses" means business expenses actually incurred by a qualified 118 119 organization in the conduct of charitable gaming and not otherwise allowed under this article or under 120 Board regulations on real estate and personal property tax payments, travel expenses, payments of utilities and trash collection services, legal and accounting fees, costs of business furniture, fixtures and 121

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122 office equipment and costs of acquisition, maintenance, repair or construction of an organization's real 123 property. For the purpose of this definition, salaries and wages of employees whose primary 124 responsibility is to provide services for the principal benefit of an organization's members shall not 125 qualify as a business expense. However, payments made pursuant to § 51.1-1204 to the Volunteer 126 Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund shall be deemed a reasonable and proper 127 business expense.

128 "Supplier" means any person who offers to sell, sells or otherwise provides charitable gaming129 supplies to any qualified organization.

130 "Texas Hold'em poker game" means a variation of poker in which (i) players receive two cards 131 facedown that may be used individually, (ii) five cards shown faceup face up are shared among all 132 players in the game, (iii) players combine any number of their individual cards with the shared cards to 133 make the highest five-card hand to win the value wagered during the game, and (iv) the ranking of 134 hands and the rules of the game are governed by the official rules of the Poker Tournament Directors 135 Association.

136 "Texas Hold'em poker tournament" or "tournament" means an organized competition of players (i) 137 who pay a fixed fee for entry into the competition and for a certain amount of poker chips for use in 138 the competition; (ii) who may be allowed to pay an additional fee, during set preannounced times of the 139 competition, to receive additional poker chips for use in the competition; (iii) who may be seated at one 140 or more tables simultaneously playing Texas Hold'em poker games; (iv) who upon running out of poker 141 chips are eliminated from the competition; and (v) a pre-set number of whom are awarded prizes of 142 value according to how long such players remain in the competition.

§ 18.2-340.19. Regulations of the Board.

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A. The Board shall adopt regulations that:

145 1. Require, as a condition of receiving a permit, that the applicant use a predetermined percentage at 146 least 10 percent of its gross receipts, including proceeds from instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards, for (i) those lawful religious, charitable, community or educational purposes for which the organization is 147 148 specifically chartered or organized or (ii) those expenses relating to the acquisition, construction, 149 maintenance or repair of any interest in real property involved in the operation of the organization and 150 used for lawful religious, charitable, community or educational purposes. In the case of the conduct of 151 Texas Hold'em poker tournaments, the regulations shall provide that the predetermined percentage of 152 gross receipts may be used for expenses related to compensating operators contracted by the qualified 153 organization to administer such events. The regulation may provide for a graduated scale of percentages 154 of gross receipts to be used in the foregoing manner based upon factors the Board finds appropriate to 155 and consistent with the purpose of charitable gaming.

156 2. Specify the conditions under which a complete list of the organization's members who participate
157 in the management, operation or conduct of charitable gaming may be required in order for the Board to
158 ascertain the percentage of Virginia residents in accordance with subdivision A 3 of § 18.2-340.24.

Membership lists furnished to the Board or Department in accordance with this subdivision shall not
be a matter of public record and shall be exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of
Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

162 3. Prescribe fees for processing applications for charitable gaming permits. Such fees may reflect the163 nature and extent of the charitable gaming activity proposed to be conducted.

4. Establish requirements for the audit of all reports required in accordance with § 18.2-340.30.

165 5. Define electronic and mechanical equipment used in the conduct of charitable gaming. Board 166 regulations shall include capacity for such equipment to provide full automatic daubing as numbers are called. For the purposes of this subdivision, electronic or mechanical equipment for instant bingo, pull 167 168 tabs, or seal cards shall include such equipment that displays facsimiles of instant bingo, pull tabs, or 169 seal cards and are used solely for the purpose of dispensing or opening such paper or electronic cards, 170 or both; but shall not include (i) devices operated by dropping one or more coins or tokens into a slot 171 and pulling a handle or pushing a button or touchpoint on a touchscreen to activate one to three or more 172 reels marked into horizontal segments by varying symbols, where the predetermined prize amount 173 depends on how and how many of the symbols line up when the rotating reels come to rest, or (ii) other 174 similar devices that display flashing lights or illuminations, or bells, whistles, or other sounds, solely 175 intended to entice players to play.

6. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may (i) provide food and nonalcoholic beverages to its members who participate in the management, operation or conduct of bingo; (ii) permit members who participate in the management, operation or conduct of bingo to play bingo; and (iii) subject to the provisions of subdivision 12 of § 18.2-340.33, permit nonmembers to participate in the conduct of bingo so long as the nonmembers are under the direct supervision of a bona fide member of the organization during the bingo game.

182 7. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may sell raffle tickets for a raffle

183 drawing that will be held outside the Commonwealth pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-340.26.

184 8. Prescribe the conditions under which persons who are bona fide members of a qualified 185 organization or a child, above the age of 13 years, of a bona fide member of such organization may 186 participate in the conduct or operation of bingo games.

9. Prescribe the conditions under which a person below the age of 18 years may play bingo, 187 188 provided *that* such person is accompanied by his parent or legal guardian.

189 10. Require all qualified organizations that are subject to Board regulations to post in a conspicuous 190 place in every place where charitable gaming is conducted a sign which bears a toll-free telephone number for "Gamblers Anonymous" or other organization which provides assistance to compulsive 191 192 gamblers.

193 11. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may sell network bingo cards in 194 accordance with § 18.2-340.28:1 and establish a percentage of proceeds derived from network bingo 195 sales to be allocated to (i) prize pools, (ii) the organization conducting the network bingo, and (iii) the network bingo provider. The regulations shall also establish procedures for the retainage and ultimate 196 197 distribution of any unclaimed prize.

198 12. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may manage, operate or contract 199 with operators of, or conduct Texas Hold'em poker tournaments.

200 B. In addition to the powers and duties granted pursuant to § 2.2-2456 and this article, the Board 201 may, by regulation, approve variations to the card formats for bingo games, provided *that* such 202 variations result in bingo games that are conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of this 203 article. Board-approved variations may include, but are not limited to, bingo games commonly referred 204 to as player selection games and 90-number bingo. 205

§ 18.2-340.23. Organizations exempt from certain fees and reports.

206 A. No organization that reasonably expects, based on prior charitable gaming annual results or any other quantifiable method, to realize gross receipts of \$40,000 or less in any 12-month period shall be 207 208 required to (i) notify the Department of its intention to conduct charitable gaming or (ii) comply with 209 Board regulations. If any organization's actual gross receipts for the 12-month period exceed \$40,000, 210 the Department may require the organization to file by a specified date the report required by 211 <u>§ 18.2-340.30.</u>

212 B. Any (i) organization described in subdivision 12 of the definition of "organization" in 213 § 18.2-340.16 or (ii) volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency or 214 auxiliary unit thereof that has been recognized in accordance with § 15.2-955 by an ordinance or 215 resolution of the political subdivision where the volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency is located as being part of the safety program of such political subdivision shall 216 be exempt from the payment of application fees required by § 18.2-340.25 and the payment of audit fees 217 required by § 18.2-340.31. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as exempting any organizations described in subdivision 12 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16, volunteer fire 218 219 220 departments and, or volunteer emergency medical services agencies from any other provisions of this 221 article or other Board regulations.

222 C. B. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Department from conducting any investigation or audit 223 it deems appropriate to ensure an organization's compliance with the provisions of this article and, to the 224 extent applicable. Board regulations. 225

§ 18.2-340.25. Permit required; application fee; form of application.

226 A. Except as provided for in § 18.2-340.23, prior Prior to the commencement of any charitable 227 game, an organization shall obtain a permit from the Department.

228 B. All complete applications for a permit shall be acted upon by the Department within 45 days from 229 the filing thereof. Upon compliance by the applicant with the provisions of this article, and at the 230 discretion of the Department, a permit may be issued. All permits when issued shall be valid for the 231 period specified in the permit unless it is sooner suspended or revoked. No permit shall be valid for 232 longer than two years. The application shall be a matter of public record.

233 All permits shall be subject to regulation by the Department to ensure the public safety and welfare 234 in the operation of charitable games. The permit shall only be granted after a reasonable investigation has been conducted by the Department. The Department may require any prospective employee, permit 235 236 holder or applicant to submit to fingerprinting and to provide personal descriptive information to be 237 forwarded along with employee's, licensee's or applicant's fingerprints through the Central Criminal 238 Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purposes of obtaining criminal history 239 record information regarding such prospective employee, permit holder or applicant. The Central 240 Criminal Records Exchange upon receipt of a prospective employee, licensee or applicant record or 241 notification that no record exists, shall forward the report to the Commissioner of the Department or his designee, who shall belong to a governmental entity. However, nothing in this subsection shall be 242 243 construed to require the routine fingerprinting of volunteer bingo workers.

244 C. In no case shall an organization receive more than one permit allowing it to conduct charitable

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246 D. Application for a charitable gaming permit shall be made on forms prescribed by the Department 247 and shall be accompanied by payment of the fee for processing the application.

248 E. Applications for renewal of permits shall be made in accordance with Board Regulations. If a 249 complete renewal application is received 45 days or more prior to the expiration of the permit, the 250 permit shall continue to be effective until such time as the Department has taken final action. Otherwise, 251 the permit shall expire at the end of its term.

252 \overline{F} . The failure to meet any of the requirements of § 18.2-340.24 shall cause the automatic denial of 253 the permit, and no organization shall conduct any charitable gaming until the requirements are met and a 254 permit is obtained.

255 § 18.2-340.26:1. Sale of instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards; proceeds not counted as gross 256 receipts.

257 A. Instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards may be sold only (i) by a qualified organization, as defined 258 in § 18.2-340.16, (ii) upon the premises that are owned or exclusively and entirely leased by the 259 qualified organization, and (iii) at such times as the portion of that the premises in which the instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards are sold is open only to members and their guests via controlled access. 260 261 No organization, except for an association of war veterans or auxiliary units thereof organized in the 262 United States or a fraternal association or corporation operating under the lodge system, may sell 263 instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards (a) at a location outside of the county, city, or town in which the 264 organization's principal office, as registered with the State Corporation Commission, is located or in an 265 adjoining county, city, or town or (b) at an establishment that has been granted a license pursuant to 266 Chapter 2 (§ 4.1-200 et seq.) of Title 4.1 unless such license is held by the organization. Nothing in this 267 article shall be construed to prohibit the conduct of games of chance involving the sale of pull tabs, or 268 seal cards, commonly known as last sale games, conducted in accordance with this section.

269 B. The proceeds from instant bingo, pull tabs or seal cards shall not be included in determining the 270 gross receipts for a qualified organization provided the gaming (i) is limited exclusively to members of 271 the organization and their guests, (ii) is not open to the general public, and (iii) there is no public 272 solicitation or advertisement made regarding such gaming.

273 C. No more than 18 devices that facilitate the play of electronic versions of instant bingo, pull tabs, 274 or seal cards, commonly referred to as electronic pull tabs, may be used upon the premises owned or 275 exclusively leased by the organization and at such times as the portion of the premises in which the 276 instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards are sold is open only to members and their guests. The Board may 277 approve exceptions to this requirement where there is a special or documented need. 278

§ 18.2-340.27. Conduct of bingo games.

279 A. A qualified organization shall accept only cash or, at its option, checks or debit cards in payment 280 of any charges or assessments for players to participate in bingo games. However, no such organization 281 shall accept postdated checks in payment of any charges or assessments for players to participate in 282 bingo games.

283 B. No qualified organization or any person on the premises shall extend lines of credit or accept any 284 credit or other electronic fund transfer other than debit cards in payment of any charges or assessments 285 for players to participate in bingo games. 286

C. Bingo games may be held by qualified organizations on any calendar day.

D. Qualified organizations may hold an unlimited number of bingo sessions on any calendar day.

288 E. Any organization may conduct bingo games at any location within the Commonwealth only in the 289 county, city, or town in which its principal office, as registered with the State Corporation Commission, 290 is located or in an adjoining county, city, or town. An organization shall have only one principal office. 291 An organization may not conduct bingo games at an establishment that has been granted a license 292 pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 4.1-200 et seq.) of Title 4.1 unless such license is held by the organization. 293 This subsection shall not apply to any association of war veterans or auxiliary units thereof organized 294 in the United States or any fraternal association or corporation operating under the lodge system. 295

§ 18.2-340.28. Conduct of instant bingo, network bingo, pull tabs, and seal cards.

296 A. Any organization qualified to conduct bingo games pursuant to the provisions of this article may 297 also play instant bingo, network bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards as a part of such bingo game and, if a 298 permit is required pursuant to § 18.2-340.25, however, such games shall be played only at such times 299 designated in the permit for regular bingo games and only at locations at which the organization is 300 authorized to conduct regular bingo games pursuant to subsection E of § 18.2-340.27.

301 B. Any organization conducting instant bingo, network bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards shall maintain a 302 record of the date, quantity and card value of instant bingo supplies purchased as well as the name and 303 address of the supplier of such supplies. The organization shall also maintain a written invoice or receipt from a nonmember of the organization verifying any information required by this subsection. Such 304 305 supplies shall be paid for only by check drawn on the gaming account of the organization. A complete

306 inventory of all such gaming supplies shall be maintained by the organization on the premises where the 307 gaming is being conducted.

308 C. No qualified organization shall sell any instant bingo, network bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards to 309 any individual younger than 18 years of age. No individual younger than 18 years of age shall play or 310 redeem any instant bingo, network bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards. 311

§ 18.2-340.28:1. Conduct of network bingo.

312 A. Any organization qualified to conduct bingo games pursuant to the provisions of this article may 313 also sell network bingo cards as a part of a regular bingo game and, if a permit is required pursuant to 314 <u>§ 18.2 340.25</u>; however, network bingo shall be sold only at such times designated in the permit for 315 regular bingo games and only at locations at which the organization is authorized to conduct regular bingo games pursuant to subsection E of § 18.2-340.27. 316

B. Any organization selling network bingo cards shall maintain a record of the date and quantity of 317 318 network bingo cards purchased from a licensed network bingo provider. The organization shall also 319 maintain a written invoice or receipt from a licensed supplier verifying any information required by this 320 subsection. Such supplies shall be paid for only by check drawn on the gaming account of the 321 organization or by electronic fund transfer. A complete inventory of all such gaming supplies shall be 322 maintained by the organization on the premises where network bingo cards are sold.

323 C. No qualified organization shall sell any network bingo cards to any individual younger than 18 324 years of age. No individual younger than 18 years of age shall play or redeem any network bingo cards.

325 D. A qualified organization shall accept only cash or, at its option, checks or debit cards in payment 326 of any charges or assessments for players to participate in any network bingo game. However, no such 327 organization shall accept postdated checks in payment of any charges or assessments for players to 328 participate in network bingo games.

E. No qualified organization or any person on the premises shall extend lines of credit or accept any 329 330 credit or other electronic fund transfer other than debit cards in payment of any charges or assessments 331 for players to participate in network bingo games.

F. No qualified organization shall conduct network bingo more frequently than one day in any 332 333 calendar week, which shall not be the same day of each week.

G. No network bingo games shall be permitted in the social quarters of an organization that are open 334 335 only to the organization's members and their guests.

336 H. No qualified organization shall sell network bingo cards on the Internet or other online service or 337 allow the play of network bingo on the Internet or other online service. However, the location where 338 network bingo games are conducted shall be equipped with a video monitor, television, or video screen, 339 or any other similar means of visually displaying a broadcast or signal, that relays live, real-time video 340 of the numbers as they are called by a live caller. The Internet or other online service may be used to 341 relay information about winning players.

342 I. Qualified organizations may award network bingo prizes on a graduated scale; however, no single 343 network bingo prize shall exceed \$25,000.

344 J. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an organization from participating in more 345 than one network bingo network.

346 § 18.2-340.34. Suppliers of charitable gaming supplies; manufacturers of electronic games of chance systems; permit; qualification; suspension, revocation or refusal to renew certificate; 347 348 maintenance, production, and release of records.

349 A. No person shall offer to sell, sell, or otherwise provide charitable gaming supplies to any qualified 350 organization and no manufacturer shall distribute electronic games of chance systems for charitable 351 gaming in the Commonwealth unless and until such person has made application for and has been issued a permit by the Department. An application for permit shall be made on forms prescribed by the 352 Department and shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$1,000. Each permit shall remain valid 353 354 for a period of one year from the date of issuance. Application for renewal of a permit shall be 355 accompanied by a fee in the amount of \$1,000 and shall be made on forms prescribed by the 356 Department.

357 B. The Board shall have authority to prescribe by regulation reasonable criteria consistent with the provisions of this article for the registration of suppliers and manufacturers of electronic games of 358 359 chance systems for charitable gaming. The Department may shall refuse to issue a permit to any 360 supplier or manufacturer who has, or which has any officer, director, partner, or owner who has, (i) been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony in any state or federal court or has been 361 convicted of any offense which that, if committed in the Commonwealth, would be a felony; (ii) been 362 363 convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a crime involving gambling; (iii) violated the gaming laws of 364 any jurisdiction within the last five years, including violations for failure to register; or (iv) had any license, permit, certificate, or other authority related to activities defined as charitable gaming in the 365 Commonwealth suspended or revoked in the Commonwealth or in any other jurisdiction; (iv) within the 366 367 last five years. The Department may refuse to issue a permit to any supplier or manufacturer who has,

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371 Commonwealth if so required by § 13.1-634 or 13.1-763. 372 C. The Department shall suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the permit of any supplier or 373 manufacturer for any conduct described in clause (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of subsection B. The Department 374 may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the permit of any supplier or manufacturer for any conduct 375 described in *clause* (a) or (b) of subsection B or for any violation of this article or regulation of the 376 Board. Before taking any such action, the Department shall give the supplier or manufacturer a written 377 statement of the grounds upon which it proposes to take such action and an opportunity to be heard. 378 Every hearing in a contested case shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act 379 (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

380 D. Each supplier shall document each sale of charitable gaming supplies, including electronic games 381 of chance systems, and other items incidental to the conduct of charitable gaming, such as markers, 382 wands or tape, to a qualified organization on an invoice which clearly shows (i) the name and address 383 of the qualified organization to which such supplies or items were sold; (ii) the date of the sale; (iii) the 384 name or form and serial number of each deal of instant bingo cards and pull-tab raffle cards, the 385 quantity of deals sold and the price per deal paid by the qualified organization; (iv) the serial number of 386 the top sheet in each packet of bingo paper, the serial number for each series of uncollated bingo paper, 387 and the cut, color and quantity of bingo paper sold; and (v) any other information with respect to 388 charitable gaming supplies, including electronic games of chance systems, or other items incidental to 389 the conduct of charitable gaming as the Board may prescribe by regulation. A legible copy of the 390 invoice shall accompany the charitable gaming supplies when delivered to the qualified organization.

Each manufacturer of electronic games of chance systems shall document each distribution of such systems to a qualified organization or supplier on an invoice which clearly shows (i) (a) the name and address of the qualified organization or supplier to which such systems were distributed; (ii) (b) the date of distribution; (iii) (c) the serial number of each such system; and (iv) (d) any other information with respect to electronic games of chance systems as the Board may prescribe by regulation. A legible copy of the invoice shall accompany the electronic games of chance systems when delivered to the qualified **397** organization or supplier.

398 E. Each supplier and manufacturer shall maintain a legible copy of each invoice required by 399 subsection D for a period of three years from the date of sale. Each supplier and manufacturer shall 400 make such documents immediately available for inspection and copying to any agent or employee of the 401 Department upon request made during normal business hours. This subsection shall not limit the right of 402 the Department to require the production of any other documents in the possession of the supplier or 403 manufacturer which relate to its transactions with qualified organizations. All documents and other information of a proprietary nature furnished to the Department in accordance with this subsection shall 404 405 not be a matter of public record and shall be exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the 406 Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

407 *F. Each supplier and manufacturer shall provide to the Department the results of background checks* **408** *and any other records or documents necessary for the Department to enforce the provisions of* **409** *subsections B and C.*

410 2. That the provisions of this act that amend subsections B and C of § 18.2-340.34 to require the 411 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to refuse to issue a permit, or to suspend, 412 revoke, or refuse to renew a permit that has already been issued, to a supplier or manufacturer 413 under certain circumstances shall not apply to offenses committed or suspensions or revocations 414 imposed prior to July 1, 2021.