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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES

Introduced By: Senators Cote, and Picard

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-19 of the General Laws entitled "Gambling and Lotteries" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-19-32.2. Senior citizens' center -- Bingo allowed. -- (a) Notwithstanding any other**
4 **provision of this chapter to the contrary, any organization which operates a public senior citizens**
5 **center or senior center may obtain a permit approved by the department to conduct bingo games**
6 **in said senior citizens center or senior center for up to five (5) calendar days per week, excluding**
7 **Sundays.**

8 **(b) As used herein, the terms "senior citizens center" or "senior center" means an**
9 **organization whose goal is the promotion of various recreational and educational activities to**
10 **senior citizens and which receives a combination of federal, state, municipal and private funds to**
11 **provide such services at a community facility.**

12 **(c) A senior citizens center or senior center may conduct bingo games if it complies with**
13 **all of the following requirements:**

14 **(1) All bingo games are conducted only on the premises of the center's facility;**

15 **(2) All participants are age fifty-five (55) years of age or older; provided, this shall not**
16 **prohibit a person who is less than fifty-five (55) years of age from assisting a senior citizen in**
17 **playing the game;**

18 **(3) All bingo game operators are sixty (60) years of age or older and receive no**
19 **compensation for serving as operators;**

1 [\(4\) The total daily prizes shall not exceed four hundred dollars \(\\$400\); and](#)

2 [\(5\) All proceeds of the game shall be limited in use to the following:](#)

3 [\(i\) To pay winners monetary prizes;](#)

4 [\(ii\) To defray any costs directly related to conducting the games; and/or](#)

5 [\(iii\) To defray costs of services the center's facility provides.](#)

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit a senior citizens center to obtain a permit approved by the division
2 of state police to conduct bingo in the senior citizens center.

3 This act would take effect on July 1, 2013.

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