

Summary of S.F. 634

- Sec. 1 Clarifies the bingo occasion is for on-sale locations. Allows a licensed organization, with consent from a licensed organization already conducting another form of lawful gambling at the site, to conduct bar bingo at the site.
- Sec. 2 Defines game software as disposable gambling equipment.
- Sec. 3 Allows for merged organizations. If at least one of the organizations has an active license, the new organization will be considered to have been in existence for the most recent three years.
- Sec. 4 Provides for termination plans for distributors. Termination plan provision was overlooked in recent legislation allowing for electronic games; adding similar provisions for each makes termination plan requirements consistent.
- Sec. 5 Removes software applications for electronic pull-tab or electronic bingo games (proprietary) from being required to be sold to a licensed distributor.
- Sec. 6 Provides for termination plans for manufacturers. Termination plan provision was overlooked in recent legislation allowing for electronic games; adding similar provisions for each makes termination plan requirements consistent.
- Sec. 7 Provides for termination plans linked bingo game providers. Termination plan provision was overlooked in recent legislation allowing for electronic games; adding similar provisions for each makes termination plan requirements consistent.
- Sec. 8 Includes late filing of required monthly Board reports in the summary suspension section.
- Sec. 9 Amends off-site permit requirements by removing the language requiring connection to a county fair, the State Fair, a church festival, or a civic celebration.
- Sec. 10 Removes restriction on the number of bingo occasions each week (had been restricted to two) at a nursing home, senior living residence, or by a senior citizen organization, and allows residents' guests to play. Prohibits more than one exempt or excluded organization from participating in an individual raffle. Clarifies that exempted or excluded organizations may not combine the use of raffle tickets. Prohibits raffle tickets from being attached to or combined with other tickets, and requires the tickets to be sold separately from other exempted or excluded organizations' raffle tickets.
- Sec. 11 Allows an employee of the lessor to be compensated by an organization for the conduct of gambling at sites not owned by the lessor.
- Sec. 12 Changes required filing of pricing reports to filing of sales and discounts, to accommodate electronic gaming.
- Sec. 13 Minimizes cash exposure by allowing a bingo prize of \$200 or more to be delivered within three business days.
- Sec. 14 Makes consistent with 349.12 (the definition of bar bingo) the on-sale 3.2% malt beverage allowance.

- Sec. 15 Clarifies that electronic linked bingo is only allowed at on-sale establishments (and not at off-sale establishments). Makes consistent with the bar bingo definition. Eliminates the linked bingo game registration requirement and the address requirement (ID need only include the player's date of birth). Other than for prize receipts for cashing out electronic linked bingo devices with \$600 or more in credits, organizations are not required to register or retain any information contained on a picture ID.
- Sec. 16 Clarifies that electronic pull-tabs are only allowed at on-sale establishments (and not at off-sale establishments). Makes consistent with the bar bingo definition. Allows a licensed organization, with consent from a licensed organization already selling paper pull-tabs at the site, to conduct electronic pull-tabs. Eliminates the electronic pull-tab registration requirement and the address requirement (ID need only include the player's date of birth). Other than for prize receipts for cashing out electronic pull-tab devices with \$600 or more in credits, organizations are not required to register or retain any information contained on a picture ID.
- Sec. 17 Allows raffle prizes to be "visibly displayed" at the one-day event rather than listed on the raffle ticket to accommodate last-minute donation of prizes to be added to the raffle prize distribution. Clarifies that raffles held in conjunction with wild game or fish contest, organizations must have the appropriate DNR permit in addition to obtaining Board authorization. Allows raffles to be held once a year in conjunction with a membership event.
- Sec. 18 Allows a volunteer conducting small (meat) raffles to participate/play in charitable gambling the next business day for games they are not involved with. Adds operators of paddlewheels conducted with a table to the list of who may not participate in games on the same business day that the volunteer was involved in the conduct of the games. The prohibition is changed from six weeks to two weeks.
- Sec. 19 Corrects an obsolete reference, and minimizes cash exposure by requiring deposits when the total electronic gambling net receipts at a premises reaches \$2,000 or on or before the first day of the next month, whichever occurs first.
- Sec. 20 Simplifies gambling fund expenditure reporting to the board by requiring reporting be on the cash basis.
- Sec. 21 Clarifies that progressive bingo prizes may start at *up to* \$500, and to increase each game.
- Sec. 22 Revisor's instruction correcting an obsolete rule reference.
- Sec. 23 Revisor's superseding act to repealers of sections contained in this bill.
- Sec. 24 Repeals 349.19, subd. 9b (an accounting manual requirement).

EFFECTIVE DATE of the bill is July 1, 2015.