

# State of Wisconsin



2017 Assembly Bill 841

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## 2017 WISCONSIN ACT 361

AN ACT *to amend* 563.03 (4e), 563.03 (4m), 563.04 (6) (b), 563.12 (9), 563.13 (4), 563.51 (22) (b), 563.51 (27), 563.61 (1) (a) and 563.935 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** various changes to bingo and raffles (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Administration).

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Administration and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SECTION 1.** 563.03 (4e) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.03 (4e) "Calendar" means a ~~tabular table or~~ register of days covering not less than one nor more than 12 calendar months that entitles the purchaser to one entry in each drawing in a calendar raffle.

**SECTION 2.** 563.03 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.03 (4m) "Calendar raffle" means a raffle for which a drawing is held and a prize awarded on each date specified in a calendar ~~as a date upon which a prize will be awarded.~~

NOTE: SECTIONS 1 and 2 make clarifying changes to the definitions of "calendar" and "calendar raffle" used in ch. 563, stats.

**SECTION 3.** 563.04 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.04 (6) (b) To ~~a~~ the member designated by the organization who is responsible for the gross receipts.

NOTE: SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, and 8 provide that an organization may designate one member to be responsible for proper utilization of gross bingo receipts.

**SECTION 4.** 563.12 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.12 (9) The name, address, date of birth and years of membership of ~~an~~ one active member of the applicant organization who shall be responsible for the proper utilization of the gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo.

**SECTION 5.** 563.13 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.13 (4) A \$10 license fee for each bingo occasion proposed to be conducted and \$5 for an annual license for ~~each~~ the designated member responsible for the proper utilization of gross receipts. All moneys received under this subsection shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (8) (jm).

**SECTION 6.** 563.51 (22) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.51 (22) (b) The objects to be drawn shall be essentially the same in size, ~~color,~~ shape, weight, balance and all other characteristics, so that at all times during the conduct of bingo, each object possesses the capacity for equal agitation with any other object within the receptacle.

NOTE: This SECTION eliminates the requirement that all balls drawn in a bingo game be the same color.

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

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**SECTION 7.** 563.51 (27) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.51 (27) MORE THAN ONE WINNER. When more than one player is found to be the winner on the call of the same number in the same bingo game, a cash prize shall be divided equally among the winners. The licensed organization may elect to round off the prize to any amount between the next lower dollar and the next higher dollar. Any licensed organization may elect to set a minimum prize of ~~not exceeding~~ no more than \$10 for each winner. When equal division of a merchandise prize is not possible, identical substitute prizes whose aggregate retail value is approximately equal to that of the designated prize may be awarded or a cash prize equal to the retail value may be divided among the winners as provided in this subsection.

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NOTE: SECTIONS 7 and 9 make clarifying language changes without making substantive changes.

**SECTION 8.** 563.61 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.61 (1) (a) The name and address of each supervising member and ~~each~~ the member responsible for the proper utilization of gross receipts.

**SECTION 9.** 563.935 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.935 (1m) ~~If state or federal law places an age restriction on who may possess any prize that will be awarded for a raffle, the~~ The organization conducting the raffle shall prominently display, at each place where tickets may be purchased, a notice describing ~~the restriction at each place where tickets may be purchased~~ any state or federal law that imposes an age restriction on who may possess a prize that will be awarded in the raffle.