



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 408

May 30, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives HANDRICK, SERATTI, DOBYNS, GROTHMAN, HAHN, F. LASEE, LAZICH, MUSSER, OURADA, SKINDRUD and UNDERHEIM, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ and ANDREA. Referred to Special committee on Gambling Oversight.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 563.51 (9) and subchapter VII of chapter 563 [precedes 563.80];
2 and **to amend** 20.197 (1) (g) (intro.), 563.05 (6), 563.51 (8), 563.51 (10) (b),
3 563.51 (14) and 563.73 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the regulation and
4 conduct of bingo and elimination of the bingo gross receipts tax.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a 2% occupational tax is imposed on the gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo by any organization which is licensed to conduct bingo. This bill eliminates this tax.

Under current law, no single prize in a bingo game may exceed \$250 and the aggregate value of prizes at any bingo occasion may generally not exceed \$1,000. The bill eliminates this restriction.

Under current law, no expenditures other than proper and legitimate expenditures may be made in connection with the conduct of bingo and the profits from a bingo game may only be used for the proper and legitimate expenditures of the organization. The bill specifies that the promotion and other advertising of bingo games is included among such proper and legitimate expenditures.

Finally, under current law, no prize may be awarded based on a specified number of calls during a bingo game. The bill eliminates this prohibition.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 20.197 (1) (g) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 20.197 (1) (g) *General program operations; racing, charitable and crane games.*
2 (intro.) The amounts in the schedule for general program operations under chs. 561
3 to 569. All moneys received by the gaming commission under ss. 562.02 (2) (f), 562.04
4 (1) (b) 4. and (2) (d), 562.05 (2), 562.065 (3) (d) and (e) 2. and (4) and 562.09 (2) (e),
5 under ch. 563, ~~except s. 563.80~~, and under s. 564.02 (2), less the amounts
6 appropriated under s. 20.455 (2) (g), shall be credited to this appropriation. The
7 unencumbered balance in this appropriation on June 30 of each fiscal year which
8 exceeds 10% of that fiscal year's expenditures under this appropriation, but not more
9 than the total amount received during that fiscal year under s. 562.065 (3) (d) and
10 (e) 2. and (4), shall be transferred as follows:

11 **SECTION 2.** 563.05 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 563.05 (6) The commission shall deposit all moneys received by the commission
13 under this chapter, ~~except s. 563.80~~, in the appropriation under s. 20.197 (1) (g).

14 **SECTION 3.** 563.51 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 563.51 (8) PROFITS USED FOR PROPER AND LEGITIMATE EXPENDITURES. The profits
16 from any bingo game shall be used exclusively for proper and legitimate
17 expenditures of the licensed organization. In this subsection, "proper and legitimate
18 expenditures" includes expenditures for the promotion or other advertising of bingo.

19 **SECTION 4.** 563.51 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 5.** 563.51 (10) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 563.51 (10) (b) No bonus or additional prizes shall be awarded on the basis of
22 either a specific arrangement of the numbers or the type of card required to win a
23 game. ~~No prize shall be determined on the basis of a specified number of calls.~~

24 **SECTION 6.** 563.51 (14) of the statutes is amended to read:

