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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

WJSA 5:8-34.1 (Bingo--Allow person to conduct games for affiliated licenses)
LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 77

Bill No. S1102

Sponsor(s) Skevin, Musto and Dumont

Date Introduced April 24, 1978

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense

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Following were printed:

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Rules and regulations cited in sponsor's statement:

N.J.A.C. 13:47-1.1 et. seq.

Reports and hearings:

974.90 NJ. Legislature. Bingo and Raffles Study Commission.

G191 Report...Nov. 1, 1977. Trenton, 1977.

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Public hearings cited in report not owned by State Library. According to John Lee in NJ Legislative Services (292-7676), no State stenographer was at the hearings; therefore, it is unlikely that the hearings were transcribed or published.

SENATE, No. 1102

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

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2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
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3 for any two or more affiliated licensees of which he or she is an
4 active member. The commission shall by regulation determine
5 whether licensees are affiliated.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Under section 4 of Part VI of the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, only active members of a bingo licensee may participate in the conducting of the licensee's bingo games. Section 8 of Part VII of the same rules and regulations, however, prohibits persons from working for more than one licensee during the same calendar year. This means if a person is an active member in a church, for example, and is listed on the church's bingo license, that person cannot work for any other organization affiliated with the church which also holds a bingo license. Persons who testified before the Bingo and Raffles Study Commission indicated that this causes a definite hardship for many organizations which depend on affiliated groups for support, but who cannot find enough volunteers to work all of the bingo games. In the vast majority of cases, only a small cadre of dedicated volunteers are willing to work for affiliated bingo licensees, but are prevented now from doing so.

In the survey of 1,400 bingo licensees conducted by the Bingo and Raffles Study Commission, an overwhelming 88% of those who responded (779) were in favor of allowing persons to work any bingo games sponsored by or affiliated with their organization. This was the highest percentage of approval for any of the 14 questions posed in the survey.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

APRIL 16, 1979

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne signed the following bills into law yesterday before leaving for Europe on the trade mission:

S-1102, sponsored by Senator John Skevin (D-Bergen) which makes it lawful for a person to engage in the conducting of bingo games for more than one affiliated licensee of which he is an active member.

Under the original "Bingo Licensing Law", only active members of a bingo licensee could participate in running the licensee's bingo games and a person could not work for more than one licensee during the same calendar year.

SJR-23, sponsored by Senator Lawrence S. Weiss (D-Middlesex) which designates 1979 as "The Thomas Alva Edison Centennial Year" in New Jersey and directs the New Jersey Historical Commission to work with other public and private agencies in planning and holding a statewide observance of the 100th anniversary of Thomas Edison's career as an inventor.

Edison invented the incandescent light bulb, probably his most famous invention, in 1879.

The commemorative observance will include educational, cultural and scholarly activities to increase awareness and appreciation of Edison's inventions (including the phonograph, the light bulb and the motion picture camera) and of his profound influence on modern science and technology.

A-1771, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter Rand (D-Camden) which amends the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act to exclude from the tax lump sum transfers from a qualified retirement plan when the taxpayer places the entire sum into an individual retirement account in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Internal Revenue Code.

The purpose of the bill is to conform state treatment of pension income to the federal law.

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