



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 357**

LCO No. 2388

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING GAMING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-169c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Any organization whose membership consists of persons sixty  
4 years of age or over may operate and conduct bingo games on and  
5 after January 1, 1989, for the amusement and recreation of its members  
6 without a permit as required by section 7-169, provided (1) such  
7 organization has registered with and applied for and received an  
8 identification number from the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
9 (2) such organization does not charge an admission fee in excess of one  
10 dollar, (3) the prize or prizes awarded do not exceed fifty dollars in  
11 value, either in cash or merchandise, and (4) only active members of  
12 such organization assist in the operation of the bingo games without  
13 compensation. The commissioner may revoke any such registration for  
14 cause.

15 (b) Each such organization [which] that operates bingo games shall

16 keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements, which shall be  
17 available for inspection by the [commissioner] Commissioner of  
18 Consumer Protection.

19 (c) Each such organization shall be exempt from the provisions of  
20 sections 7-169 and 7-169a.

21 (d) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt such  
22 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, as are necessary to carry  
23 out effectively the provisions of this section in order to prevent fraud  
24 and protect the public, which regulations shall have the effect of law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-169c

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*