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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMING; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN BINGO LICENSEES TO
ALLOW GAMING BY PULL-TAB INDEPENDENT OF A BINGO OCCASION;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 60-2F-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2009,
Chapter 81, Section 15) is amended to read:

"60-2F-15. PERSONS PERMITTED TO CONDUCT BINGO
GAMES--PREMISES.--

A. The officers of a bingo licensee shall
designate a bingo manager to be in charge and primarily
responsible for the conduct of all games of bingo. The bingo
manager shall supervise all bingo activities on the occasion
for which the bingo manager is in charge. The bingo manager
shall be familiar with the provisions of the state laws, the
rules of the board and the provisions of the bingo license.
The bingo manager shall be present on the premises
continuously during the bingo games and for a period of at
least thirty minutes after the last bingo game.

B. The bingo manager shall designate a game
accountant to be primarily responsible for the proper
preparation of the quarterly reports in accordance with the
New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act.

C. For a bingo game, the bingo manager shall

1 designate a bingo caller to be responsible for drawing and
2 announcing the bingo numbers.

3 D. The premises where any game of chance is being
4 held, operated or conducted or where it is intended that any
5 equipment be used shall at all times be open to inspection by
6 the board and its agents and employees and by peace officers
7 of the state or any political subdivision of the state.

8 E. No owner or co-owner of the premises or, if a
9 corporation is the owner of the premises, any officer,
10 director or stockholder owning more than ten percent of the
11 outstanding stock shall be designated as a bingo manager, a
12 game accountant or a bingo caller."

13 SECTION 2. A new Section 60-2F-15.1 NMSA 1978 is
14 enacted to read:

15 "60-2F-15.1. PERSONS PERMITTED TO CONDUCT PULL-TAB
16 GAMES--PREMISES.--

17 A. Only a veterans' or fraternal organization or a
18 501(c)(3) organization that is a bingo licensee may operate
19 pull-tab dispensers when the organization is not concurrently
20 operating a bingo occasion.

21 B. The bingo licensee shall designate a bingo
22 manager to be in charge and primarily responsible for the
23 conduct of all games of pull-tabs. The bingo manager shall
24 supervise all activities for which the bingo manager is in
25 charge. The bingo manager shall be familiar with the

1 provisions of the state laws, the rules of the board and the
2 provisions of the bingo license. The bingo manager need not
3 be present on the premises continuously while a veterans' or
4 fraternal organization or a 501(c)(3) organization that is a
5 bingo licensee is operating pull-tab games.

6 C. The bingo manager shall designate a game
7 accountant to be primarily responsible for the proper
8 preparation of the quarterly reports in accordance with the
9 New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act.

10 D. The premises where any game of chance is being
11 held, operated or conducted, or where it is intended that any
12 equipment be used, shall at all times be open to inspection
13 by the board and its agents and employees and by peace
14 officers of the state or any political subdivision of the
15 state.

16 E. No owner or co-owner of the premises or, if a
17 corporation is the owner of the premises, any officer,
18 director or stockholder owning more than ten percent of the
19 outstanding stock, shall be designated as a bingo manager or
20 a game accountant.

21 F. Nothing in this section shall authorize a
22 veterans' or fraternal organization or a 501(c)(3)
23 organization to engage in class III gaming.

24 G. As used in this section, "501(c)(3)
25 organization" means an organization that demonstrates to the

1 taxation and revenue department that it has been granted
2 exemption from the federal income tax as an organization
3 described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
4 of 1986, as amended or renumbered."

5 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
6 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
7 immediately.

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