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Representative Wist
Senator Roberts

Short Title

Bingo-affle License Regulation
Secretary Of State

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on August 10, 2016.

Summary

This bill makes changes to bingo-affle regulation by the Secretary of State's Office (SOS), which serves as the licensing authority for bingo-affle licenses. The bill clarifies that applicants for bingo-affle licenses who have their application denied may request that the decision be reviewed by an administrative law judge within 60 days of the denial. It also adds the refusal to grant or renew a license to the list of SOS actions for which an applicant may request an administrative review.

The bill makes several specifications about consolation prizes in progressive bingo games, including when a consolation prize may be awarded and when the consolation prize amount must be included in the total amount offered in subsequent games.

The bill also removes the restriction on a person serving as a game manager for no more than five bingo-affle licensees and clarifies a licensee's ability to operate leased and owned equipment. In addition, the bill permits the SOS to make rules about when a licensee that does not report positive net proceeds must prove why their license should not be suspended or revoked.

Background

The SOS issued 1,209 bingo-affle licenses in 2015. In law, a bingo is defined as a game of chance that is played for prizes using a traditional bingo card where the numbers on the card are

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matched to numbers randomly drawn. A raffle is defined as a game where participants buy tickets for a chance to win a prize and where the winner is determined by a random method.

House Action

House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (February 18, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the SOS testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (February 22, 2016). The House passed the bill, unamended, on second reading.

House third reading (February 23, 2016). The House passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.

Senate Action

Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee (March 16, 2016). The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole, with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (March 21, 2016). The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on second reading.

Senate third reading (March 22, 2016). The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.