

SB 139-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***139-FN***

AN ACT relative to bingo dates.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill increases the number of game dates allowed for bingo games per month.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to bingo dates.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Bingo Licenses; Game Dates. Amend RSA 287-E:6, II(a)-(b) to read as follows:

2 (a) No more than one license shall be issued to a charitable organization per calendar
3 month, and the license shall permit no more than [~~40~~] **16** game dates of bingo in one calendar month,
4 and in no more than one town or city which has authorized bingo games under RSA 287-E:27. The
5 license shall expire on the last game date authorized under said license.

6 (b) The provisions of subparagraph II(a) notwithstanding, a license may be issued to a
7 charitable organization per fiscal year, and the license shall permit no more than [~~40~~] **16** game dates
8 of bingo in one calendar month and no more than [~~120~~] **192** game dates of bingo in one calendar year.
9 The license shall expire on the last game date authorized under the license. Charitable
10 organizations electing to receive an annual license under this paragraph shall be ineligible to receive
11 concurrently a monthly license under subparagraph II(a), and charitable organizations licensed
12 under subparagraph II(a) shall be ineligible to receive concurrently an annual license under this
13 subparagraph.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

**SB 139-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ **State** ☐ **County** ☐ **Local** ☐ **None**

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0 - \$360,000	\$0 - \$360,000	\$0 - \$360,000
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	☐ General Fund ☐ Education ☐ Highway ☒ Other - Lottery			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill would increase the allowable number of bingo game dates offered by charitable gaming organizations. The Lottery Commission states the license fee for a bingo event is \$25 per game date and there are currently 200 charities offering bingo. While unable to predict how many additional bingo game dates may be added as a result of this bill, the Commission states the increase in state revenue per year would range from \$0 (no new game dates added) to \$360,000 (all 200 charities offer bingo up to the bill's maximum). Lottery revenue is credited to the lottery fund, with net revenues after expenditures being credited to the state education trust fund. This bill is not expected to increase state expenditures.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Lottery Commission