



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bork, BB0146 - Bingo and raffle fees

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

GAMBLING

Bingo and raffle fees

Under current law, an organization that conducts bingo and raffles must obtain a license from the Division of Gaming within DOA and pay all related license fees. Bingo licensees, generally, must pay a \$10 license fee for each bingo occasion, meaning a single gathering or session at which a series of successive bingo games is played, and a \$5 license fee for an annual license for the designated member of the organization responsible for the proper utilization of gross receipts. A bingo licensee that is a community-based residential facility, a senior citizen community center, or an adult family home that conducts bingo as a recreational or social activity must pay a \$5 license fee. Raffle licensees must pay a \$25 license fee. This bill doubles all bingo and raffle license fees.

Also, under current law, a 1 percent occupational tax is imposed on the first \$30,000 in gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo by a licensed organization in a year. In gross receipts during a year that exceed \$30,000, a 2 percent occupational tax is imposed. Under the bill, a 2 percent occupational tax is imposed on all gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo by a licensed organization.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 563.13 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.13 (4) A ~~\$10~~ \$20 license fee for each bingo occasion proposed to be conducted and ~~\$5~~ \$10 for an annual license for the designated member responsible

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for the proper utilization of gross receipts. All moneys received under this subsection shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (8) (jn).

SECTION 2. 563.135 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.135 (1) (intro.) An application for a license to conduct bingo for an organization listed under s. 563.11 (1) (b) to (d) shall be accompanied by a ~~\$5~~ \$10 license fee and a sworn statement by the owner or operator of the organization that all of the following rules shall apply to bingo conducted by the organization:

SECTION 3. 563.80 (1) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 563.80 (1) and amended to read:

563.80 (1) An occupational tax is imposed on those gross receipts of any licensed organization which are derived from the conduct of bingo, in the ~~following amounts:~~ ~~(b) Two~~ amount of 2 percent of the gross receipts received by a licensed organization during a year ~~that exceed \$30,000.~~

SECTION 4. 563.80 (1) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 563.92 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

563.92 (2) The fee for a raffle license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$50 and shall be remitted with the application. A raffle license shall be valid for 12 months and may be renewed as provided in s. 563.98 (1g). The department shall issue the license within 30 days after the filing of a complete application if the applicant qualifies under s. 563.907 and has not exceeded the limits of s. 563.91. The department shall notify the applicant within 15 days after it is filed if the raffle license application is incomplete or the application shall be considered complete. A complete license application that is not denied within 30 days after its filing shall be considered

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approved. All moneys received by the department under this subsection shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (8) (jn).

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