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HOUSE BILL 292

Short Title: Beach Bingo Licenses.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hurley (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Judiciary I, if favorable, Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A LICENSE TO OPERATE A BEACH BINGO GAME, TO  
3 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CHARGE AND  
4 COLLECT THAT LICENSING FEE, AND TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO  
5 VIOLATE THE BEACH BINGO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-309.14 is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

8 "(5) A person shall not operate a beach bingo game at any location without first  
9 obtaining a license as provided by this subdivision. Any person operating a  
10 beach bingo game without a license is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The  
11 procedure for obtaining an application for a beach bingo license shall be as  
12 follows:

13 a. The application for a beach bingo license shall be made to the  
14 Department of Public Safety on a form prescribed by the  
15 Department. The Department shall charge an initial application fee of  
16 three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and an annual renewal fee of three  
17 hundred dollars (\$300.00) to defray the cost of issuing beach bingo  
18 licenses and handling enforcement. The fees collected shall be  
19 deposited in the General Fund of the State. This license shall expire  
20 one year after the granting of the license but may be renewed yearly  
21 upon payment of the renewal fee.

22 b. Each application and renewal application shall contain all of the  
23 following information:

24 1. The name and address of the applicant and if the applicant is  
25 a corporation, association, or other similar legal entity, the  
26 name and home address of each of the officers of the  
27 organization as well as the name and address of the directors,  
28 or other persons similarly situated, of the organization.

29 2. The location at which the applicant will conduct the bingo  
30 games. If the premises are leased, a copy of the lease or rental  
31 agreement.

32 c. Any false information provided in an application for a beach bingo  
33 license is cause for suspension of that license and is also a Class 2  
34 misdemeanor.



1                   d.     All books, papers, records, and documents relevant to determining  
2                             whether an individual has acted or is acting in compliance with this  
3                             section shall be open to inspection by the Department of Public  
4                             Safety at reasonable times and during reasonable hours."

5                   **SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Safety may take the necessary actions to  
6 develop and implement the application process. Beginning October 1, 2015, the Department of  
7 Public Safety may accept applications, charge and collect application fees, and issue licenses as  
8 provided by G.S. 14-309.14(5) as enacted by this act.

9                   **SECTION 3.** Except as provided otherwise, Section 1 of this act becomes effective  
10 December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. G.S. 14-309(5)c. as  
11 enacted by Section 1 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and applies to applications  
12 submitted on or after October 1, 2015, and offenses committed on or after that date. The  
13 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.