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Introduced by M. of A. MCENENY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A.
FARRELL, PEOPLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing
and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to who may
conduct games of bingo

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 481 of the gener-
2 al municipal law, as amended by chapter 328 of the laws of 1994, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 (a) Issuance of licenses to conduct bingo. If the governing body of
5 the municipality shall determine that the applicant is duly qualified to
6 be licensed to conduct bingo under this article; that the member or
7 members of the applicant designated in the application to conduct bingo
8 are bona fide active members of the applicant and are persons of good
9 moral character and have never been convicted of a crime or, if
10 convicted, have received a pardon or a certificate of good conduct OR,
11 WHERE SUCH MEMBER OR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME BUT HAVE NOT
12 RECEIVED A PARDON OR CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT, AND THE MEMBER OR
13 MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN A REHABILITATION PROGRAM LICENSED OR CERTIFIED
14 BY A STATE AGENCY AND CONDUCTED BY THE APPLICANT OR AN AFFILIATE, AND
15 THAT SUCH GAMES ARE CONDUCTED ON PROPERTY LEASED OR OWNED BY THE APPLI-
16 CANT; that such games are to be conducted in accordance with the
17 provisions of this article and in accordance with the rules and regu-
18 lations of the commission, and that the proceeds thereof are to be
19 disposed of as provided by this article, and if the governing body is
20 satisfied that no commission, salary, compensation, reward or recompense
21 whatever will be paid or given to any person holding, operating or
22 conducting or assisting in the holding, operation and conduct of any
23 such games except as in this article otherwise provided; and that no
24 prize will be offered and given in excess of the sum or value of one

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 thousand dollars in any single game and that the aggregate of all prizes
2 offered and given in all of such games conducted on a single occasion,
3 under said license shall not exceed the sum or value of three thousand
4 dollars, it shall issue a license to the applicant for the conduct of
5 bingo upon payment of a license fee of eighteen dollars and seventy-five
6 cents for each bingo occasion; provided, however, that the governing
7 body shall refuse to issue a license to an applicant seeking to conduct
8 bingo in premises of a licensed commercial lessor where it determines
9 that the premises presently owned or occupied by said applicant are in
10 every respect adequate and suitable for conducting bingo games.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.