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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sens. MONTGOMERY, HASSELL-THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. McENENY, FARRELL, PEOPLES-STOKES -- 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 ASSEMBLY, 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 section 17 of part LL of chapter 56 of
3 the laws of 2010, is 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 a
11 certificate of relief from disabilities pursuant to article twenty-three
12 of the correction law OR, WHERE SUCH MEMBER OR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN
13 CONVICTED OF A CRIME BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PARDON OR CERTIFICATE OF
14 GOOD CONDUCT, AND THE MEMBER OR MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN A REHABILITATION
15 PROGRAM LICENSED OR CERTIFIED BY A STATE AGENCY AND CONDUCTED BY THE
16 APPLICANT OR AN AFFILIATE, AND THAT SUCH GAMES ARE CONDUCTED ON PROPERTY
17 LEASED OR OWNED BY THE APPLICANT; that such games are to be conducted in
18 accordance with the provisions of this article and in accordance with
19 the rules and regulations of the commission, and that the proceeds ther-
20 eof are to be disposed of as provided by this article, and if the
21 governing body is satisfied that no commission, salary, compensation,

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

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1 reward or recompense whatever will be paid or given to any person hold-
2 ing, operating or conducting or assisting in the holding, operation and
3 conduct of any such games except as in this article otherwise provided;
4 and that no prize will be offered and given in excess of the sum or
5 value of one thousand dollars in any single game and that the aggregate
6 of all prizes offered and given in all of such games conducted on a
7 single occasion, under said license shall not exceed the sum or value of
8 three thousand dollars, it shall issue a license to the applicant for
9 the conduct of bingo upon payment of a license fee of eighteen dollars
10 and seventy-five cents for each bingo occasion; provided, however, that
11 the governing body shall refuse to issue a license to an applicant seek-
12 ing to conduct bingo in premises of a licensed commercial lessor where
13 it determines that the premises presently owned or occupied by said
14 applicant are in every respect adequate and suitable for conducting
15 bingo games.

16 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.