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AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to modernizing and reforming the conduct of games of chance and bingo by certain organizations to ease regulatory burdens and administrative costs placed on games of chance and bingo, charitable organization operators, municipalities and the state gaming commission

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 186 of the general municipal law,  
2 as amended by chapter 574 of the laws of 1978, is amended and two new  
3 subdivisions 22 and 23 are added to read as follows:  
4 6. "Net proceeds" shall mean (a) in relation to the gross receipts  
5 from one or more license periods of games of chance, the amount that  
6 shall remain after deducting the reasonable sums necessarily and actual-  
7 ly expended for conducting games of chance including, but not limited  
8 to, supplies and equipment, prizes, security-personnel, stated rental if  
9 any, bookkeeping or accounting services according to a schedule of  
10 compensation prescribed by the board, janitorial services and utility  
11 supplies if any, license fees, and [~~the cost of bus transportation~~]  
12 reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by volunteers who donate  
13 their time to hold, operate or conduct, or assist in the conduct of such  
14 games, and as authorized by the board and if authorized by the clerk or  
15 department and (b) in relation to the gross rent received by an author-  
16 ized games of chance lessor for the use of its premises by a game of  
17 chance licensee, the amount that shall remain after deducting the

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

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1 reasonable sums necessarily and actually expended for janitorial  
2 services and utility supplies directly attributable thereto if any.

3 22. "Reasonable expenses" shall include, but not be limited to, child  
4 care expenses, transportation expenses, meals and other expenses, as  
5 determined and regulated by the board.

6 23. "Ancillary non-gaming activity" shall mean any activity not  
7 directly related to the conduct or outcome of any game of chance, and  
8 shall include assisting at any food concession, cleaning, maintenance  
9 and site preparation at the location where games of chance are  
10 conducted.

11 § 2. Subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 8 and 11 of section 189 of the general  
12 municipal law, subdivisions 4 and 11 as amended by chapter 574 of the  
13 laws of 1978, subdivisions 5 and 6 as amended by section 11 of part MM  
14 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017 and subdivision 8 as amended by chap-  
15 ter 434 of the laws of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

16 4. The entire net proceeds of any game of chance shall be exclusively  
17 devoted to the lawful purposes of the organization permitted to conduct  
18 the same and the net proceeds of any rental derived therefrom shall be  
19 exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the authorized games of  
20 chance lessor; provided, however, that a person may accept reimbursement  
21 of reasonable expenses incurred to manage, hold, operate or conduct such  
22 games.

23 5. (a) No single prize awarded by games of chance other than raffle  
24 shall exceed the sum or value of [~~three~~ four] hundred dollars, except  
25 that for merchandise wheels, no single prize shall exceed the sum or  
26 value of [~~two~~ three] hundred [~~fifty~~] dollars, and for bell jar, no  
27 single prize shall exceed the sum or value of one thousand dollars.

28 (b) No single prize awarded by raffle shall exceed the sum or value of  
29 three hundred thousand dollars.

30 (c) No single wager shall exceed six dollars and for bell jars, coin  
31 boards or merchandise boards, no single prize shall exceed one thousand  
32 dollars, provided, however, that such limitation shall not apply to the  
33 amount of money or value paid by the participant in a raffle in return  
34 for a ticket or other receipt.

35 (d) For coin boards and merchandise boards, the value of a prize shall  
36 be determined by the cost of such prize to the authorized organization  
37 or, if donated, the fair market value of such prize.

38 6. (a) No authorized organization shall award a series of prizes  
39 consisting of cash or of merchandise with an aggregate value in excess  
40 of:

41 (1) ten thousand dollars during the successive operations of any one  
42 merchandise wheel or bell jar; and

43 (2) six thousand dollars during the successive operations of any [~~bell~~  
44 ~~jar~~] coin board or merchandise board.

45 (b) No series of prizes awarded by raffle shall have an aggregate  
46 value in excess of five hundred thousand dollars.

47 (c) For coin boards and merchandise boards, the value of a prize shall  
48 be determined by the cost of such prize to the authorized organization  
49 or, if donated, the fair market value of such prize.

50 8. Except for merchandise wheels and raffles, no series of prizes on  
51 any one occasion shall aggregate more than [~~four~~ five] hundred dollars  
52 when the licensed authorized organization conducts five single types of  
53 games of chance during any one license period. Except for merchandise  
54 wheels, raffles and bell jars, no series of prizes on any one occasion  
55 shall aggregate more than five hundred dollars when the licensed author-  
56 ized organization conducts less than five single types of games of

1 chance, exclusive of merchandise wheels, raffles and bell jars, during  
2 any one license period. No authorized organization shall award by raffle  
3 prizes with an aggregate value in excess of three million dollars during  
4 any one license period.

5 11. No person shall receive any remuneration for participating in the  
6 management or operation of any such game; provided, however, that a  
7 person may accept reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred to  
8 manage, hold, operate or conduct games of chance.

9 § 3. Subparagraph 5 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 190  
10 of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 574 of the laws of  
11 1978, is amended to read as follows:

12 (5) the purposes to which the entire net proceeds of such games are to  
13 be devoted and in what manner; that no commission, salary, compen-  
14 sation[~~r~~] or reward [~~or—recompense~~] will be paid to any person for  
15 conducting such game or games or for assisting therein except as in this  
16 article otherwise provided; and such other information as shall be  
17 prescribed by such rules and regulations.

18 § 4. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 190 of the general  
19 municipal law, as amended by chapter 574 of the laws of 1978, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (b) In each application there shall be designated not less than [~~four~~]  
22 three bona fide members of the applicant organization under whom the  
23 game or games of chance will be managed and to the application shall be  
24 appended a statement executed by the members so designated, that they  
25 will be responsible for the management of such games in accordance with  
26 the terms of the license, the rules and regulations of the board, this  
27 article and the applicable local laws or ordinances.

28 § 5. Subdivision 3 of section 190-a of the general municipal law, as  
29 added by chapter 400 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

30 3. No person under the age of eighteen shall be permitted to play,  
31 operate or assist in any raffle conducted pursuant to this section.  
32 Nothing in this section shall prevent a person sixteen years of age or  
33 older from performing ancillary non-gaming activities conducted in  
34 conjunction with any game of chance conducted pursuant to any license  
35 issued pursuant to this article.

36 § 6. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 191 of the general  
37 municipal law, as amended by section 15 of part LL of chapter 56 of the  
38 laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

39 (a) Issuance of licenses to conduct games of chance. If such clerk or  
40 department shall determine that the applicant is duly qualified to be  
41 licensed to conduct games of chance under this article; that the member  
42 or members of the applicant designated in the application to manage  
43 games of chance are bona fide active members of the applicant and are  
44 persons of good moral character and have never been convicted of a  
45 crime, or, if convicted, have received a pardon, a certificate of good  
46 conduct or a certificate of relief from disabilities pursuant to article  
47 twenty-three of the correction law, or, if convicted, the member or  
48 members are participating in a rehabilitation program licensed or certi-  
49 fied by a state agency and operated by the applicant or an auxiliary  
50 thereof; that such games are to be conducted in accordance with the  
51 provisions of this article and in accordance with the rules and regu-  
52 lations of the board and applicable local laws or ordinances and that  
53 the proceeds thereof are to be disposed of as provided by this article,  
54 and if such clerk or department is satisfied that no commission, salary,  
55 compensation[~~r~~] or reward [~~or—recompense~~] whatever will be paid or given  
56 to any person managing, operating or assisting therein except as [~~in~~]

1 ~~this article~~] otherwise provided in this article, including reimburse-  
2 ment of reasonable expenses incurred by volunteers who donate their time  
3 to hold, operate or conduct, or assist in the conduct of such games; it  
4 shall issue a license to the applicant for the conduct of games of  
5 chance upon payment of a license fee of twenty-five dollars for each  
6 license period.

7 § 7. Subdivision 3 of section 194 of the general municipal law, as  
8 amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 3. [~~Service of alcoholic beverages.~~] Subject to the applicable  
11 provisions of the alcoholic beverage control law, beer, cider and wine  
12 may be offered for sale during the conduct of games of chance on games  
13 of chance premises as such premises are defined in subdivision nineteen  
14 of section one hundred eighty-six of this article; provided, however,  
15 that nothing herein shall be construed to limit the offering for sale of  
16 any other alcoholic beverage in areas other than the games of chance  
17 premises or the sale of any other alcoholic beverage in premises where  
18 only the games of chance known as bell jar or raffles are conducted.

19 § 8. Section 195-a of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter  
20 574 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

21 § 195-a. Participation by persons under eighteen. No person under the  
22 age of eighteen years shall be permitted to play any game or games of  
23 chance conducted pursuant to any license issued under this article.  
24 Persons under the age of eighteen years may be permitted to attend games  
25 of chance at the discretion of the games of chance licensee. No person  
26 under the age of eighteen years shall be permitted to operate any game  
27 of chance conducted pursuant to any license issued under this article or  
28 to assist therein; provided, however, that a person under the age of  
29 eighteen years and who is sixteen years of age or older shall be permit-  
30 ted to assist in the operation of any game of chance if accompanied by  
31 an adult.

32 § 9. Section 195-b of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter  
33 252 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

34 § 195-b. Frequency of games. No game or games of chance, shall be  
35 conducted under any license issued under this article more often than  
36 [~~twelve~~] eighteen times in any calendar year. No particular premises  
37 shall be used for the conduct of games of chance on more than twenty-  
38 four license periods during any one calendar year. Games shall be  
39 conducted only between the hours of noon and midnight on Monday, Tues-  
40 day, Wednesday and Thursday, and only between the hours of noon on  
41 Friday and two A.M. Saturday, and only between the hours of noon on  
42 Saturday and two A.M. Sunday. The two A.M. closing period shall also  
43 apply to a legal holiday. The above restrictions shall not apply when  
44 only the games of chance known as bell jar and/or raffle are conducted.

45 § 10. Section 195-c of the general municipal law, as amended by chap-  
46 ter 252 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

47 § 195-c. [~~1.~~] Persons operating games; equipment; expenses; compen-  
48 sation. 1. No person shall operate any game of chance under any license  
49 issued under this article except a bona fide member of the authorized  
50 organization to which the license is issued, or a bona fide member of an  
51 organization or association which is an auxiliary to the licensee or a  
52 bona fide member of an organization or association of which such licen-  
53 see is an auxiliary or a bona fide member of an organization or associ-  
54 ation which is affiliated with the licensee by being, with it, auxiliary  
55 to another organization or association. Nothing herein shall be  
56 construed to limit the number of games of chance licensees for whom such

1 persons may operate games of chance nor to prevent non-members from  
2 assisting the licensee in any activity other than managing or operating  
3 games. No game of chance shall be conducted with any equipment except  
4 such as shall be owned or leased by the authorized organization so  
5 licensed or used without payment of any compensation therefor by the  
6 licensee. However, in no event shall bell jar tickets be transferred  
7 from one authorized organization to another, with or without payment of  
8 any compensation thereof. The head or heads of the authorized organiza-  
9 tion shall upon request certify, under oath, that the persons operating  
10 any game of chance are bona fide members of such authorized organiza-  
11 tion, auxiliary or affiliated organization. Upon request by an officer  
12 or the department any such person involved in such games of chance shall  
13 certify that he or she has no criminal record. No items of expense shall  
14 be incurred or paid in connection with the conducting of any game of  
15 chance pursuant to any license issued under this article except those  
16 that are reasonable and are necessarily expended for games of chance  
17 supplies and equipment, prizes, security personnel, stated rental if  
18 any, bookkeeping or accounting services according to a schedule of  
19 compensation prescribed by the board, janitorial services and utility  
20 supplies if any, and license fees, reimbursement of reasonable expenses  
21 incurred by volunteers who donate their time to operate or assist in the  
22 operation of games of chance and the cost of bus transportation, if  
23 authorized by such clerk or department. No commission, salary, compen-  
24 sation[7] ~~or~~ reward ~~[or recompense]~~ shall be paid or given to any person  
25 for the sale or assisting with the sale of raffle tickets.

26 2. For the purpose of the sale of tickets for the game of raffle, the  
27 term "operate" shall not include the sale of such tickets by persons of  
28 lineal or collateral consanguinity to members of an authorized organiza-  
29 tion licensed to conduct a raffle.

30 § 11. Subdivision 1 of section 195-n of the general municipal law, as  
31 amended by chapter 637 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 1. Distribution; manufacturers. For business conducted in this state,  
34 manufacturers licensed by the board to sell bell jar tickets shall sell  
35 only such tickets to distributors licensed by the board. Manufacturers  
36 of bell jar tickets, seal cards, merchandise boards, and coin boards may  
37 submit samples, artists' renderings, or color photocopies of proposed  
38 bell jar tickets, seal cards, merchandise boards, coin boards, payout  
39 cards, and flares for review and approval by the board. Within thirty  
40 days of receipt of such sample or rendering, the board shall approve or  
41 deny such bell jar tickets. ~~[Following approval of a rendering of a bell~~  
42 ~~jar ticket, seal card, merchandise board, or coin board by the board]~~  
43 Prior to the sale of a bell jar game, jar ticket, seal card, merchandise  
44 board or coin board to any licensed distributor for resale in this  
45 state, the manufacturer shall submit to the board a sample of the print-  
46 ed bell jar ticket, seal card, merchandise board, coin board, payout  
47 card, and flare for such game. ~~[Such sample shall be submitted prior to~~  
48 ~~the sale of the game to any licensed distributor for resale in this~~  
49 ~~state.]~~ Within forty-five days of receipt of such sample, the board  
50 shall approve or deny the bell jar ticket, jar ticket, seal card,  
51 merchandise board or coin board. For coin boards and merchandise boards,  
52 nothing herein shall require the submittal of actual coins or merchan-  
53 dise as part of the approval process. Any licensed manufacturer who  
54 willfully violates the provisions of this section shall: (a) upon such  
55 first offense, have their license suspended for a period of thirty days;  
56 (b) upon such second offense, participate in a hearing to be conducted



1 by the board, and surrender their license for such period as recommended  
2 by the board; and (c) upon such third or subsequent offense, have their  
3 license suspended for a period of one year and shall be guilty of a  
4 class E felony. Any unlicensed manufacturer who violates the provisions  
5 of this section shall be guilty of a class E felony.

6 § 12. Subdivisions 7, 9, 10 and 11-a of section 476 of the general  
7 municipal law, subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 438 of the laws of  
8 1962, subdivision 9 as amended by chapter 1057 of the laws of 1965,  
9 paragraph (a) of subdivision 9 as amended by section 16 of part LL of  
10 chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, subdivision 10 as amended by chapter 364  
11 of the laws of 1968 and subdivision 11-a as added by chapter 160 of the  
12 laws of 1994, are amended and a new subdivision 14 is added to read as  
13 follows:

14 7. "Net proceeds" shall mean (a) in relation to the gross receipts  
15 from one or more occasions of bingo, the amount that shall remain after  
16 deducting the reasonable sums necessarily and actually expended for  
17 conducting bingo games including, but not limited to, bingo supplies and  
18 equipment, prizes, stated rental if any, bookkeeping or accounting  
19 services according to a schedule of compensation prescribed by the  
20 commission, janitorial services and utility supplies if any, license  
21 fees, and [~~the cost of bus transportation~~] reimbursement of reasonable  
22 expenses incurred by volunteers who donate their time to hold, operate  
23 or conduct, or assist in the conduct of such games, [if] as authorized  
24 by the control commission, and (b) in relation to the gross rent  
25 received by an organization licensed to conduct bingo for the use of its  
26 premises by another licensee, the amount that shall remain after deduct-  
27 ing the reasonable sums necessarily and actually expended for janitorial  
28 services and utility supplies directly attributable thereto if any.

29 9. "Authorized commercial lessor" shall mean a person, firm or corpo-  
30 ration other than a licensee to conduct bingo under the provisions of  
31 this article, who or which shall own or be a net lessee of premises and  
32 offer the same for leasing by him, her or it to an authorized organiza-  
33 tion for any consideration whatsoever, direct or indirect, for the  
34 purpose of conducting bingo therein, provided that he, she or it, as the  
35 case may be, shall not be

36 (a) a person convicted of a crime who has not received a pardon or a  
37 certificate of good conduct or a certificate of relief from disabilities  
38 pursuant to article twenty-three of the correction law;

39 (b) a person who is or has been a professional gambler or gambling  
40 promoter or who for other reasons is not of good moral character;

41 (c) a public officer who receives any consideration, direct or indi-  
42 rect, as owner or lessor of premises offered for the purpose of conduct-  
43 ing bingo therein;

44 (d) a firm or corporation in which a person defined in [~~subdivision~~]  
45 paragraph (a), (b) or (c) [~~above~~] of this subdivision or a person  
46 married [~~or related in the first degree~~] to such a person has greater  
47 than a ten [~~percentum~~] per centum (10%) proprietary, equitable or credit  
48 interest or in which such a person is active or employed[~~-~~]; or

49 (e) a firm or corporation in which a person related to a person,  
50 defined in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subdivision, has greater  
51 than twenty per centum (20%) proprietary, equitable or credit interest  
52 or in which such a related person is active or employed.

53 Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be construed to bar any  
54 firm or corporation which is not organized for pecuniary profit and no  
55 part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any individ-  
56 ual, member, or shareholder, from being an authorized commercial lessor

solely because a public officer, or a person married or related in the first degree to a public officer, is a member of, active in or employed by such firm or corporation.

10. "Limited period bingo" shall mean the conduct of bingo by a licensed authorized organization, for a period of not more than ~~[seven]~~ ten of ~~[twelve]~~ fourteen consecutive days in any one year, at a festival, bazaar, carnival or similar function conducted by such licensed authorized organization. No authorized organization licensed to conduct limited period bingo shall be otherwise eligible to conduct bingo pursuant to this article in the same year.

11-a. "Early bird" shall mean a bingo game which is played as a special game, conducted not more than ~~[twice]~~ three times during a bingo occasion, in which prizes are awarded based upon a percentage not to exceed seventy-five percent of the sum of money received from the sale of the early bird cards and which is neither subject to the prize limits imposed by subdivisions five and six of section four hundred seventy-nine and paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section four hundred eighty-one, nor the special game opportunity charge limit imposed by section four hundred eighty-nine of this article. The percentage shall be specified both in the application for bingo license and the license. Not more than one dollar shall be charged per card with the total amount collected from the sale of the early bird cards and the prize for each game to be announced before the commencement of each game.

14. "Reasonable expenses incurred by a volunteer" shall include, but not be limited to, child care expenses, transportation expenses, meals and other expenses, as determined and regulated by the board.

§ 13. Subdivisions 3 and 8 of section 479 of the general municipal law, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 337 of the laws of 1998 and subdivision 8 as amended by chapter 814 of the laws of 1964, are amended to read as follows:

3. No authorized organization licensed under the provisions of this article shall purchase, lease, or receive any supplies or equipment specifically designed or adapted for use in the conduct of bingo games from other than a supplier licensed under ~~[the bingo control law]~~ article nineteen-B of the executive law or from another authorized organization.

8. No person shall receive any remuneration for participating in the management or operation of any game of bingo; provided, however, that a person may accept reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred to manage, hold, operate or conduct such games.

§ 14. Subparagraph 6 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 480 of the general municipal law, as amended by section 4 of part MM of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(6) the specific purposes to which the entire net proceeds of such games of bingo are to be devoted and in what manner; that no commission, salary, compensation~~[7]~~ or reward ~~[or recompense]~~ will be paid to any person for conducting such bingo game or games or for assisting therein except as in this article otherwise provided; and such other information as shall be prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission.

§ 15. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 3 of section 481 of the general municipal law, paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 as amended by section 5 of part MM of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 284 of the laws of 1969, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Issuance of licenses to conduct bingo. If the governing body of the municipality determines that the applicant is duly qualified to be

1 licensed to conduct bingo under this article; that the member or members  
2 of the applicant designated in the application to conduct bingo are bona  
3 fide active members of the applicant and are persons of good moral char-  
4 acter and have never been convicted of a crime or, if convicted, have  
5 received a pardon or a certificate of good conduct or a certificate of  
6 relief from disabilities pursuant to article twenty-three of the  
7 correction law, or, if convicted, the member or members are participat-  
8 ing in a rehabilitation program licensed or certified by a state agency  
9 and operated by the applicant or an auxiliary thereof; that such games  
10 of bingo are to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this  
11 article and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the commis-  
12 sion, and that the proceeds thereof are to be disposed of as provided by  
13 this article, and if the governing body is satisfied that no commission,  
14 salary, compensation[, ] or reward [~~or recompense~~] what so ever will be  
15 paid or given to any person holding, operating or conducting or assist-  
16 ing in the holding, operation and conduct of any such games of bingo  
17 except as [~~in this article~~] otherwise provided in this article, includ-  
18 ing reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by volunteers who  
19 donate their time to hold, operate or conduct, or assist in the conduct  
20 of such games; and that no prize will be offered and given in excess of  
21 the sum or value of five thousand dollars in any single game and that  
22 the aggregate of all prizes offered and given in all of such games  
23 conducted on a single occasion, under said license shall not exceed the  
24 sum or value of fifteen thousand dollars, then the municipality shall  
25 issue a license to the applicant for the conduct of bingo upon payment  
26 of a license fee of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents for each  
27 bingo occasion; provided, however, that the governing body shall refuse  
28 to issue a license to an applicant seeking to conduct bingo in premises  
29 of a licensed commercial lessor where such governing body determines  
30 that the premises presently owned or occupied by such applicant are in  
31 every respect adequate and suitable for conducting bingo games.

32 3. No license shall be issued under this article which shall be effec-  
33 tive for a period of more than one year. In the case of limited period  
34 bingo, no license shall be issued authorizing the conduct of such games  
35 on more than [~~two~~] three occasions in any one day nor shall any license  
36 be issued under this article which shall be effective for a period of  
37 more than [~~seven~~] ten of [~~twelve~~] fourteen consecutive days in any one  
38 year. No license for the conduct of limited period bingo shall be issued  
39 in cities having a population of one million or more.

40 § 16. Subdivision 1 of section 483 of the general municipal law, as  
41 amended by chapter 438 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as  
42 follows:

43 1. [~~Each~~] Each license to conduct bingo shall be in such form as  
44 shall be prescribed in the rules and regulations promulgated by the  
45 control commission, and shall contain a statement of the name and  
46 address of the licensee, of the names and addresses of the member or  
47 members of the licensee under whom the games will be conducted, of the  
48 place or places where and the date or dates and time or times when such  
49 games are to be conducted and of the specific purposes to which the  
50 entire net proceeds of such games are to be devoted; if any prize or  
51 prizes are to be offered and given in cash, a statement of the amounts  
52 of the prizes authorized so to be offered and given; and any other  
53 information which may be required by said rules and regulations to be  
54 contained therein, and each license issued for the conduct of any game  
55 shall be conspicuously displayed at the place where same is to be  
56 conducted at all times during the conduct thereof.



1 § 17. Section 487 of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter  
2 72 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 487. Frequency of game; sale of alcoholic beverages. No game or  
4 games of bingo, except limited period bingo, shall be conducted under  
5 any license issued under this article more often than on [~~eighteen~~  
6 twenty-seven] days in any three successive calendar months. No game or  
7 games of limited period bingo shall be conducted between the hours of  
8 twelve midnight postmeridian and noon, and no more than sixty games may  
9 be conducted on any single occasion of limited period bingo. No game or  
10 games of bingo shall be conducted in any room or outdoor area where  
11 alcoholic beverages are sold, served or consumed during the progress of  
12 the game or games.

13 § 18. Subdivision 1 of section 488 of the general municipal law, as  
14 amended by chapter 337 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 1. No person shall hold, operate or conduct any game of bingo under  
17 any license issued under this article except a bona fide member of the  
18 authorized organization to which the license is issued, and no person  
19 shall assist in the holding, operating or conducting of any game of  
20 bingo under such license except such a bona fide member or a bona fide  
21 member of an organization or association which is an auxiliary to the  
22 licensee or a bona fide member of an organization or association of  
23 which such licensee is an auxiliary or a bona fide member of an organ-  
24 ization or association which is affiliated with the licensee by being,  
25 with it, auxiliary to another organization or association and except  
26 bookkeepers or accountants as hereinafter provided. Provided, however,  
27 any person may assist the licensed organization in any activity related  
28 to the game of bingo which does not actually involve the holding,  
29 conducting, managing or operating of such game of bingo. No game of  
30 bingo shall be conducted with any equipment except such as shall be  
31 owned absolutely or leased by the authorized organization so licensed or  
32 used without payment of any compensation therefor by the licensee.  
33 Lease terms and conditions shall be subject to rules and regulations  
34 promulgated by the board. This article shall not be construed to author-  
35 ize or permit an authorized organization to engage in the business of  
36 leasing bingo supplies or equipment. No items of expense shall be  
37 incurred or paid in connection with the conducting of any game of bingo  
38 pursuant to any license issued under this article, except those that are  
39 reasonable and are necessarily expended for bingo supplies and equip-  
40 ment, prizes, stated rental if any, bookkeeping or accounting services  
41 according to a schedule of compensation prescribed by the commission,  
42 janitorial services and utility supplies if any, and license fees,  
43 reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by volunteers who donate  
44 their time to hold, operate or conduct or assist in the conduct of such  
45 games, and the cost of bus transportation, if authorized by the control  
46 commission.

47 § 19. Subdivision 1 of section 491 of the general municipal law, as  
48 amended by section 9 of part MM of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is  
49 amended to read as follows:

50 1. Within [~~seven~~] ten days after the conclusion of any occasion of  
51 bingo, the authorized organization that conducted the same, and such  
52 authorized organization's members who were in charge thereof, and when  
53 applicable the authorized organization that rented its premises there-  
54 for, shall each furnish to the clerk of the municipality a statement  
55 subscribed by the member in charge and affirmed by such person as true,  
56 under the penalties of perjury, showing the amount of the gross receipts

1 derived therefrom and each item of expense incurred, or paid, and each  
2 item of expenditure made or to be made, the name and address of each  
3 person to whom each such item has been paid, or is to be paid, with a  
4 detailed description of the merchandise purchased or the services  
5 rendered therefor, the net proceeds derived from such game or rental, as  
6 the case may be, and the use to which such proceeds have been or are to  
7 be applied and a list of prizes offered and given, with the respective  
8 values thereof. A clerk may make provisions for the option for the elec-  
9 tronic filing of such statement. It shall be the duty of each licensee  
10 to maintain and keep such books and records as may be necessary to  
11 substantiate the particulars of each such statement and within fifteen  
12 days after the end of each calendar quarter during which there has been  
13 any occasion of bingo, a summary statement of such information, in form  
14 prescribed by the commission, shall be furnished in the same manner to  
15 the commission.

16 § 20. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
17 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.