STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 25, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to removing restrictions on the frequency certain authorized organizations may conduct bingo games

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

Section 1. Clauses (B) and (C) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 495-a of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 470 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

(B) within any apartment, condominium or cooperative complex, retirement community, or other group residential complex or facility where (I) sponsored by the operator of or an association related to such complex, community or facility, (II) such games are conducted solely for the purpose of amusement and recreation of its residents, (III) no player or other person furnishes anything of value for the opportunity to participate, (IV) the value of the prizes shall not exceed ten dollars for any one game or a total of one hundred fifty dollars in any calendar day, (V) such games are not conducted on more than [~~one day~~] **two days** per week and not more than [~~thirty~~] **sixty** times during any calendar year, and (VI) no person other than an employee or volunteer of such complex, community or facility conducts or assists in conducting the game or games.

(C) on behalf of any bona fide social, charitable, educational, recreational, fraternal, religious, not-for-profit or age group organization, club or association solely for the purpose of amusement and recreation of its members or beneficiaries where (I) no player or other person furnishes anything of value for the opportunity to participate, (II) the value of the prizes shall not exceed ten dollars for any one game or a total of one hundred fifty dollars in any calendar day, (III) such games

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

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are not conducted on more than [~~one day~~] **two days** per week and not more than [~~thirty~~] **sixty** times during any calendar year, (IV) no person other than a bona fide active member of the organization, club or association participates in the conduct of the games, and (V) no person is paid for conducting or assisting in the conduct of the game or games.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.