

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- 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 adding the game of bunco to the games of chance

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 186 of the general municipal law,
2 as amended by chapter 531 of the laws of 2011, is amended and a new
3 subdivision 3-f is added to read as follows:

4 3. "Games of chance" shall mean and include only the games known as
5 "merchandise wheels", "bunco", "coin boards", "merchandise boards",
6 "seal cards", "event games", "raffles", and "bell jars" and such other
7 specific games as may be authorized by the board, in which prizes are
8 awarded on the basis of a designated winning number or numbers, color or
9 colors, symbol or symbols determined by chance, but not including games
10 commonly known as "bingo or lotto" which are controlled under article
11 fourteen-H of this chapter and also not including "bookmaking", "policy
12 or numbers games" and "lottery" as defined in section 225.00 of the
13 penal law. [~~No game of chance shall involve wagering of money by one
14 player against another player.~~]

15 3-f. "Bunco" shall mean a game where players roll multiple dice in an
16 attempt to roll the number corresponding to the round number. The number
17 of games, rounds and players can vary. Players are divided into teams
18 which compete against each other, either based on the number of rounds
19 won or the total number of matches they roll throughout the game.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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