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# 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:**

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

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

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

§ 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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