

## No. 1988-14

## AN ACT

## HB 446

Amending the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), entitled "An act relating to the lawful conduct of bingo, prescribing penalties and making a repeal," further providing for the operation and conducting of bingo.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 5(a) and (c)(11) of the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, amended December 15, 1982 (P.L.1299, No.293), are amended to read:

Section 5. Rules for licensing and operation.

(a) Issuance and fee.—The licensing authority shall license, upon application, any association as defined in section 3 to conduct the game of bingo at one location in the county, *which, when in a county of the second class, shall only be in the city, borough or township where the main business office or headquarters of the association is located. The county treasurer of a county of the second class shall indicate on each license the city, borough or township where the association may conduct bingo. The single municipal location limitation shall not apply to a group of licensed associations conducting bingo at a central location.* The license fee to be charged to each non-profit association shall be \$100 per annum except to those recognized senior-citizens' groups who conduct bingo for their members only the fee shall be \$50 per annum. The license fee to be charged to each agricultural association or county fair shall be \$100 per annum. Associations which conduct bingo only one period each year for not more than three consecutive days shall be charged \$15 for the issuance of their license. The fees collected pursuant to this section shall be paid by the licensing authority into the general fund of the county and used for county purposes. All records retained by the licensing authority relating to the issuance of bingo licenses and bingo permits shall be public information.

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(c) Operation.—Each licensed association shall comply with the following restrictions and rules governing the operation of bingo:

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(11) No person shall participate in the operation of [an association's bingo game who in the previous seven days participated in the operation of two other licensed associations' bingo games] *bingo games on more than four days in any calendar week, which games may be operated by no more than two different licensed associations.* This provision shall not apply to

persons engaged in the operation of bingo for merchandise at expositions, carnivals or fairs not exceeding ten days in duration.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 12th day of February, A. D. 1988.

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