

By: Representative Simpson

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1326

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-33-52, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES TO BE PAID FROM NET PROCEEDS OF  
3 AUTHORIZED BINGO GAMES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 97-33-52, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 97-33-52. (1) A bingo game may be conducted only:

8 (a) When held for the benefit of a charitable  
9 organization that (i) is licensed pursuant to Section 97-33-55 or  
10 Section 97-33-59; (ii) is domiciled in the State of Mississippi;  
11 and

12 (b) When the game is held by active members of such  
13 organization.

14 (2) Except as may be otherwise provided in Sections 97-33-51  
15 through 97-33-203, all net proceeds derived from a bingo game  
16 authorized by this section shall be expended only for the purposes  
17 for which the organization is created, and no net proceeds derived  
18 from a bingo game authorized by this section shall be distributed  
19 to a charity outside of the State of Mississippi without the  
20 approval of the Mississippi Gaming Commission. Nothing in this  
21 section or chapter shall prohibit a charitable organization from  
22 using net proceeds derived from a bingo game authorized by this  
23 section to pay administrative penalties imposed by any state  
24 agency against the charitable organization.

25 (3) None of the proceeds of a bingo game authorized to be  
26 held under this section shall be used to purchase, construct or

27 improve a building, hall or other facility solely for the purpose  
28 of conducting or operating a bingo game.

29 (4) Every organization which conducts bingo games shall  
30 report to the Mississippi Gaming Commission at such time, in such  
31 manner and on such forms as the commission prescribes. All  
32 records and reports so filed shall be public records and shall be  
33 available for inspection in accordance with the Mississippi Public  
34 Records Act of 1983.

35 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after its passage.