HOUSE BILL NO. 1326

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) None of the proceeds of a bingo game authorized to be held under this section shall be used to purchase, construct or
improve a building, hall or other facility solely for the purpose
of conducting or operating a bingo game.

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

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