

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.