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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2920

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-33-52, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO USE NET PROCEEDS DERIVED
3 FROM BINGO GAMES TO PAY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED BY ANY
4 STATE AGENCY AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 97-33-52. (1) A bingo game may be conducted only:

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

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

15 (2) Except as may be otherwise provided in Sections 97-33-51
16 through 97-33-203, all net proceeds derived from a bingo game
17 authorized by this section shall be expended only for the purposes
18 for which the organization is created, and no net proceeds derived
19 from a bingo game authorized by this section shall be distributed
20 to a charity outside of the State of Mississippi without the
21 approval of the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

22 (3) A charitable organization, in furtherance of its
23 charitable purpose, may use net proceeds derived from a bingo game
24 authorized by this section to pay administrative penalties imposed
25 by any state agency against the organization.

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

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

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

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