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To: Finance

## SENATE BILL NO. 2416

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-33-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LICENSED BINGO OPERATIONS LOCATED WITHIN  
3 1500 FEET OF A CHURCH SHALL NOT CONDUCT BINGO SESSIONS DURING  
4 CHURCH HOURS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-33-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 97-33-67. (1) (a) No licensee shall hold, operate or  
9 conduct any bingo game more often than for two (2) sessions within  
10 one (1) day and more often than eight (8) sessions in any one (1)  
11 week. Any licensee who holds no more than one (1) session per  
12 week shall be entitled to conduct one (1) six-hour session per  
13 week. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph,  
14 pull-tabs, video pull-tabs or video bingo games may be played for  
15 up to eighty (80) hours per week.

16 (b) No licensee shall hold, operate or conduct any  
17 bingo game in more than one (1) physical location. Any bingo  
18 operation for which a license has been issued by the Gaming  
19 Commission on or after April 1, 1995, and which is located within  
20 one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of a school, church or  
21 public library, shall not conduct bingo sessions during the hours  
22 of the school day or during church or library hours.

23 (2) The total amount of prizes which may be awarded in any  
24 one (1) session by a licensee shall not exceed Seven Thousand Five  
25 Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) in cash or other thing or things of  
26 value, except as otherwise provided in Section 97-33-59 and except  
27 that the total amount of prizes which may be awarded in any one  
28 (1) session shall not exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) if



29 only one (1) session is held in any one (1) week. The Seven  
30 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) and the Eight Thousand  
31 Dollars (\$8,000.00) limits do not include payback of pull-tabs or  
32 electronic representations. The commission shall establish by  
33 rule the method of calculating the value of anything offered as a  
34 prize.

35 (3) Each licensee shall designate a supervisor and a  
36 sufficient number of alternate supervisors to be in charge of and  
37 primarily responsible for each session of a bingo game. Such  
38 individual shall be familiar with the provisions of Sections  
39 97-33-51 through 97-33-203 and the rules and regulations of the  
40 commission. Such individual, or alternate who shall be designated  
41 as the bingo supervisor, shall supervise all activities of such  
42 session and be responsible for the conduct of all games of such  
43 session. The supervisor shall be present at all times on the  
44 premises during the session.

45 (4) No licensee shall purchase or otherwise obtain any  
46 gaming supplies or equipment from any distributor, operator or  
47 manufacturer until it has first determined that the individual  
48 selling or otherwise offering such supplies or equipment has a  
49 valid license issued by the commission.

50 (5) No licensee shall allow any person under eighteen (18)  
51 years of age to assist in the holding, operation or conduct of any  
52 bingo game. No licensee shall allow any person under eighteen  
53 (18) years of age to play a bingo game unless accompanied by his  
54 or her parent or legal guardian, except that a licensee may  
55 prohibit all persons under eighteen (18) years from entering the  
56 licensed premises by posting a written notice to that effect on  
57 the premises.

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

