

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 599

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-33-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 97-33-57. (1) The commission shall investigate the
8 qualifications of each applicant and the merits of the
9 application, with due expedition after the filing of the
10 application, and shall make the following determinations:

11 (a) That the applicant is duly qualified to hold,
12 operate and conduct bingo games under the provisions of Sections
13 97-33-51 through 97-33-203 and the rules and regulations of the
14 commission governing same.

15 (b) That the member or members of the organization
16 designated in the application to hold, operate, conduct, or assist
17 in holding, operating, or conducting, the bingo games are bona
18 fide active members of the organization and of good moral
19 character, who have never been convicted of certain offenses as
20 designated by the commission.

21 (c) That bingo games are to be held, operated and
22 conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 97-33-51
23 through 97-33-203 and in accordance with the rules and regulations

24 of the commission governing same, and that the proceeds thereof
25 are to be disposed of as provided by Sections 97-33-51 through
26 97-33-203.

27 (2) If the commission is satisfied that no commission,
28 salary, compensation, reward or recompense whatever, except as
29 otherwise provided in Section 97-33-69, will be paid or given to
30 any person holding, operating or conducting any bingo game, it may
31 issue a license to the applicant for the holding, operating and
32 conducting of bingo games.

33 (3) No license for holding, operating or conducting bingo
34 games that is issued under Sections 97-33-51 through 97-33-203
35 shall be effective for more than two (2) calendar years.

36 (4) The commission shall not issue a license to:

37 (a) Any person who has been convicted of certain
38 related offenses as established by the commission or who presently
39 has such a charge pending in any state or federal court;

40 (b) Any person who has ever been convicted of a
41 gambling-related offense in any state or federal court;

42 (c) Any person who is or has ever been a professional
43 gambler;

44 (d) Any firm, organization or corporation in which any
45 person as described in paragraphs (a) through (c) is an officer or
46 director, whether compensated or not, or in which such person has
47 a direct or indirect financial interest;

48 (e) The commission may deny an application for
49 licensure, refuse to renew a license, or suspend or revoke a
50 license for any reason consistent with the purposes of Sections
51 97-33-51 through 97-33-203 which it deems to be in the interest of
52 the public. However, policies regarding such denial, suspension,
53 revocation or refusal to renew shall be established by rule and
54 regulation. If the commission fails to act upon the license
55 application within sixty (60) days of the date of filing of the

56 application by the charitable organization, such application shall
57 be deemed accepted.

58 (5) Any significant change in the information submitted on
59 its application for licensure shall be filed by a licensee with
60 the commission within ten (10) days of the change. A significant
61 change shall include, but not be limited to, any change in the
62 officers, directors, managers, proprietors or persons having a
63 direct or indirect financial interest in any licensed organization
64 or entity.

65 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
66 and after July 1, 2007.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-33-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSES TO CONDUCT CHARITABLE BINGO MAY BE
3 EFFECTIVE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.