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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-340.16, 18.2-340.19, 18.2-340.23, 18.2-340.24, 18.2-340.24:1, and 18.2-340.33 of the Code of Virginia, relating to charitable gaming; common interest communities; bingo.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 18.2-340.16, 18.2-340.19, 18.2-340.23, 18.2-340.24, 18.2-340.24:1, and 18.2-340.33 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 18.2-340.16. Definitions.**

As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Bingo" means a specific game of chance played with (i) individual cards having randomly numbered squares ranging from one to 75, (ii) Department-approved electronic devices that display facsimiles of bingo cards and are used for the purpose of marking and monitoring players' cards as numbers are called, or (iii) Department-approved cards, in which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated numbers on such cards conforming to a predetermined pattern of numbers selected at random.

"Bona fide member" means an individual who participates in activities of a qualified organization other than such organization's charitable gaming activities.

"Charitable gaming" or "charitable games" means those raffles, Texas Hold'em poker tournaments, and games of chance explicitly authorized by this article. Unless otherwise specified, "charitable gaming" includes electronic gaming authorized by this article.

"Charitable gaming permit" or "permit" means a permit issued by the Department to an organization that authorizes such organization to conduct charitable gaming, and if such organization is qualified as a social organization, electronic gaming.

"Charitable gaming supplies" includes bingo cards or sheets, devices for selecting bingo numbers, instant bingo cards, pull-tab cards and seal cards, playing cards for Texas Hold'em poker, poker chips, and any other equipment or product manufactured for or intended to be used in the conduct of charitable games. However, for the purposes of this article, charitable gaming supplies shall not include items incidental to the conduct of charitable gaming such as markers, wands, or tape.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

"Conduct" means the actions associated with the provision of a gaming operation during and immediately before or after the permitted activity, which may include (i) selling bingo cards or packs, electronic devices, instant bingo or pull-tab cards, or raffle tickets, (ii) calling bingo games, (iii) distributing prizes, and (iv) any other services provided by volunteer workers.

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

"Electronic gaming" or "electronic games" means any instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal card gaming that is conducted primarily by use of an electronic device. "Electronic gaming" does not include (i) the game of chance identified in clause (ii) of the definition of "bingo" or (ii) network bingo.

"Electronic gaming adjusted gross receipts" means the gross receipts derived from electronic gaming less the total amount in prize money paid out to players.

"Electronic gaming manufacturer" means a manufacturer of electronic devices used to conduct electronic gaming.

"Fair market rental value" means the rent that a rental property will bring when offered for lease by a lessor who desires to lease the property but is not obligated to do so and leased by a lessee under no necessity of leasing.

"Gaming expenses" means prizes, supplies, costs of publicizing gaming activities, audit and administration or permit fees, and a portion of the rent, utilities, accounting and legal fees, and such other reasonable and proper expenses as are directly incurred for the conduct of charitable gaming.

"Gross receipts" means the total amount of money generated by an organization from charitable gaming before the deduction of expenses, including prizes.

"Instant bingo," "pull tabs," or "seal cards" means specific games of chance played by the random selection of one or more individually prepacked cards with winners being determined by the preprinted or predetermined appearance of concealed letters, numbers, or symbols that must be exposed by the player to determine wins and losses and may include the use of a seal card that conceals one or more numbers or symbols that have been designated in advance as prize winners. Such cards may be dispensed by mechanical

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59 equipment.

60 "Jackpot" means a bingo game that the organization has designated on its game program as a jackpot  
61 game in which the prize amount is greater than \$100.

62 "Landlord" means any person or his agent, firm, association, organization, partnership, or corporation,  
63 employee, or immediate family member thereof, which owns and leases, or leases any premises devoted in  
64 whole or in part to the conduct of bingo games or other charitable gaming pursuant to this article, and any  
65 person residing in the same household as a landlord.

66 "Management" means the provision of oversight of a gaming operation, which may include the  
67 responsibilities of applying for and maintaining a permit or authorization, compiling, submitting, and  
68 maintaining required records and financial reports, and ensuring that all aspects of the operation are in  
69 compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

70 "Network bingo" means a specific bingo game in which pari-mutuel play is permitted.

71 "Network bingo provider" means a person licensed by the Department to operate network bingo.

72 "Operation" means the activities associated with production of a charitable gaming or electronic gaming  
73 activity, which may include (i) the direct on-site supervision of the conduct of charitable gaming and  
74 electronic gaming; (ii) coordination of volunteers; and (iii) all responsibilities of charitable gaming and  
75 electronic gaming designated by the organization's management.

76 "Organization" means any one of the following:

77 1. A volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency or auxiliary unit thereof  
78 that has been recognized in accordance with § 15.2-955 by an ordinance or resolution of the political  
79 subdivision where the volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency is located as  
80 being a part of the safety program of such political subdivision;

81 2. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,  
82 is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively for educational purposes, and awards scholarships to  
83 accredited public institutions of higher education or other postsecondary schools licensed or certified by the  
84 Board of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia;

85 3. An athletic association or booster club or a band booster club established solely to raise funds for  
86 school-sponsored athletic or band activities for a public school or private school accredited pursuant to  
87 § 22.1-19 or to provide scholarships to students attending such school;

88 4. An association of war veterans or auxiliary units thereof organized in the United States;

89 5. A fraternal association or corporation operating under the lodge system;

90 6. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
91 and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to provide services and other resources to older  
92 Virginians, as defined in § 51.5-116;

93 7. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
94 and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to foster youth amateur sports;

95 8. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
96 and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to provide health care services or conduct medical  
97 research;

98 9. An accredited public institution of higher education or other postsecondary school licensed or certified  
99 by the Board of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia that is exempt from income  
100 tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

101 10. A church or religious organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the  
102 Internal Revenue Code;

103 11. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal  
104 Revenue Code and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to (i) create and foster a spirit of  
105 understanding among the people of the world; (ii) promote the principles of good government and  
106 citizenship; (iii) take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community; (iv)  
107 provide a forum for the open discussion of matters of public interest; (v) encourage individuals to serve the  
108 community without personal financial reward; and (vi) encourage efficiency and promote high ethical  
109 standards in commerce, industries, professions, public works, and private endeavors;

110 12. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
111 and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to (i) raise awareness of law-enforcement officers  
112 who died in the line of duty; (ii) raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and  
113 Museum; and (iii) raise funds for the charitable causes of other organizations that are exempt from income  
114 tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

115 13. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
116 and is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively to (i) promote the conservation of the  
117 environment, caves, or other natural resources; (ii) promote or develop opportunities for the use of science  
118 and technology to advance the conservation of the environment, caves, or other natural resources; and (iii)  
119 raise funds for the conservation of the environment, caves, or other natural resources or provide grant  
120 opportunities to other nonprofit organizations that are devoted to such conservation efforts;

14. An organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that manages a museum that is operated, and has always been operated, exclusively for the purposes of musical heritage and the legacy of the "1927 Bristol Sessions";

15. An organization (i) established on or before December 31, 1963, as a result of its members being prohibited from joining similar existing organizations because of laws such as the Public Assemblages Act of 1926, which required the racial segregation of all public events in the Commonwealth; (ii) that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (iii) that is operated, and has always been operated, for community awareness and action through educational, economic, and cultural service activities;

16. An organization established on or before December 31, 1977, that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code and is incorporated, in part, to raise funds for donation to organizations whose missions include promoting early detection of and public education about and supporting research and treatment options for heart disease and various cancers;

17. A local chamber of commerce; ~~or~~

18. *A common interest community (i) established and operating pursuant to the provisions of the Property Owners' Association Act (§ 55.1-1800 et seq.) or the Virginia Condominium Act (§ 55.1-1900 et seq.) and any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant to those Acts, (ii) that qualifies for deductions pursuant to § 277 of the Internal Revenue Code, and (iii) that is solely available to residents age 55 or older; or*

19. Any other nonprofit organization that is exempt from income tax pursuant to § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and that raises funds by conducting raffles, bingo, instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards that generate annual gross receipts of \$40,000 or less, provided that such gross receipts, less expenses and prizes, are used exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or community purposes. Notwithstanding § 18.2-340.26:1, proceeds from instant bingo, pull tabs, and seal cards shall be included when calculating an organization's annual gross receipts for the purposes of this subdivision.

"Pari-mutuel play" means an integrated network operated by a licensee of the Department comprised of participating charitable organizations for the conduct of network bingo games in which the purchase of a network bingo card by a player automatically includes the player in a pool with all other players in the network, and where the prize to the winning player is awarded based on a percentage of the total amount of network bingo cards sold in a particular network.

"Qualified organization" means any organization to which a valid permit has been issued by the Department to conduct charitable gaming or any organization that is exempt pursuant to § 18.2-340.23.

"Raffle" means a lottery in which the prize is won by (i) a random drawing of the name or prearranged number of one or more persons purchasing chances or (ii) a random contest in which the winning name or preassigned number of one or more persons purchasing chances is determined by a race involving inanimate objects floating on a body of water, commonly referred to as a "duck race."

"Reasonable and proper business expenses" means business expenses actually incurred by a qualified organization in the conduct of charitable gaming and not otherwise allowed under this article or under Department regulations on real estate and personal property tax payments, travel expenses, payments of utilities and trash collection services, legal and accounting fees, costs of business furniture, fixtures and office equipment and costs of acquisition, maintenance, repair, or construction of an organization's real property. For the purpose of this definition, (i) salaries and wages of employees whose primary responsibility is to provide services for the principal benefit of an organization's members or (ii) expenses for social or recreational activities for the principal benefit of a social organization's members may qualify as a business expense, if so determined by the Department. However, payments made pursuant to § 51.1-1204 to the Volunteer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Service Award Fund shall be deemed a reasonable and proper business expense.

"Social organization" means any qualified organization that provides certification to the Department that it is:

1. An accredited public institution of higher education or other postsecondary school licensed or certified by the Board of Education or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

2. An organization established on or before November 10, 1922, that is qualified under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, is the only federally chartered Marine Corps-related veterans organization in the country, and is operated for the purpose of promoting the interest and preserving the traditions of the United States Marine Corps;

3. An organization established on or before December 31, 1963, as a result of its members being prohibited from joining similar existing organizations because of laws such as the Public Assemblages Act of 1926, which required the racial segregation of all public events in the Commonwealth, that is qualified under § 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code;

4. An organization established on or before December 31, 1977, that is qualified under § 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code and is incorporated, in part, to raise funds for donation to organizations whose missions include promoting early detection of and public education about and supporting research and

183 treatment options for heart disease and various cancers;

184 5. A fraternal beneficiary society, order, or association qualified under § 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue  
185 Code;

186 6. A domestic fraternal society, order, or association qualified under § 501(c)(10) of the Internal Revenue  
187 Code; or

188 7. A post or organization of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States, or an  
189 auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post or organization qualified under §  
190 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code.

191 "Social quarters" means, in addition to any specifications prescribed by the Department, an area at a social  
192 organization's primary location that (i) such organization designates to be used predominantly by its members  
193 for social and recreational activities, (ii) is accessible exclusively to members of the social organization and  
194 their guests, and (iii) is not advertised or open to the general public. It shall not disqualify the area from being  
195 considered social quarters if guests occasionally accompany members into the area, so long as such guests do  
196 not spend their own funds to participate in charitable gaming or electronic gaming activities conducted in the  
197 area. In determining if an area is social quarters for purposes of § 18.2-340.26:3, the Department may rely on  
198 publications of the Internal Revenue Service regarding the allowable participation of guests in an  
199 organization's social and recreational activities for purposes of § 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

200 "Supplier" means any person who offers to sell, sells, or otherwise provides charitable gaming supplies to  
201 any qualified organization.

202 "Texas Hold'em poker game" means a variation of poker in which (i) players receive two cards facedown  
203 that may be used individually, (ii) five cards shown face up are shared among all players in the game, (iii)  
204 players combine any number of their individual cards with the shared cards to make the highest five-card  
205 hand to win the value wagered during the game, and (iv) the ranking of hands and the rules of the game are  
206 governed by the official rules of the Poker Tournament Directors Association.

207 "Texas Hold'em poker tournament" or "tournament" means an organized competition of players (i) who  
208 pay a fixed fee for entry into the competition and for a certain amount of poker chips for use in the  
209 competition; (ii) who may be allowed to pay an additional fee, during set preannounced times of the  
210 competition, to receive additional poker chips for use in the competition; (iii) who may be seated at one or  
211 more tables simultaneously playing Texas Hold'em poker games; (iv) who upon running out of poker chips  
212 are eliminated from the competition; and (v) a pre-set number of whom are awarded prizes of value according  
213 to how long such players remain in the competition.

214 **§ 18.2-340.19. Regulations of the Department.**

215 A. The Department shall adopt regulations that:

216 1. Require, as a condition of receiving a charitable gaming permit or authorization to conduct electronic  
217 gaming, that the applicant use a predetermined percentage of its receipts for those lawful religious, charitable,  
218 community, or educational purposes for which the organization is specifically chartered or organized,  
219 including (i) those expenses relating to the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or repair of any interest in  
220 real property or (ii) expenses related to the rental of real property by an organization as described by  
221 subdivision 5, 6, or 7 of the definition of "social organization" in § 18.2-340.16 where such real property is  
222 involved in the operation of the organization and used for lawful religious, charitable, community, or  
223 educational purposes, as follows:

224 a. With respect to charitable gaming, other than electronic gaming, *and except as provided in*  
225 *§ 18.2-340.24*, a predetermined percentage of its gross receipts.

226 b. With respect to electronic gaming, a predetermined percentage of its electronic gaming adjusted gross  
227 receipts.

228 2. Specify the conditions under which a complete list of the organization's members who participate in the  
229 management, operation, or conduct of charitable gaming may be required in order for the Department to  
230 ascertain the percentage of Virginia residents in accordance with subdivision A 3 of § 18.2-340.24.

231 Membership lists furnished to the Department in accordance with this subdivision shall not be a matter of  
232 public record and shall be exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act  
233 (§ 2.2-3700 et seq.).

234 3. Prescribe fees for processing applications for charitable gaming permits and authorizing social  
235 organizations to conduct electronic gaming. Such fees may reflect the nature and extent of the charitable  
236 gaming activity proposed to be conducted.

237 4. Establish requirements for the audit of all reports required in accordance with §§ 18.2-340.30 and  
238 18.2-340.30:2.

239 5. Define electronic and mechanical equipment used in the conduct of charitable gaming. Department  
240 regulations shall include capacity for such equipment to provide full automatic daubing as numbers are  
241 called. For the purposes of this subdivision, electronic or mechanical equipment for instant bingo, pull tabs,  
242 or seal cards shall include such equipment that displays facsimiles of instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards  
243 and are used solely for the purpose of dispensing or opening such paper or electronic cards, or both; but shall  
244 not include (i) devices operated by dropping one or more coins or tokens into a slot and pulling a handle or

pushing a button or touchpoint on a touchscreen to activate one to three or more reels marked into horizontal segments by varying symbols, where the predetermined prize amount depends on how and how many of the symbols line up when the rotating reels come to rest, or (ii) other similar devices that display flashing lights or illuminations, or bells, whistles, or other sounds, solely intended to entice players to play. Such regulations shall not prohibit (a) devices that display spinning, rotating, or rolling reels or animations or flashing lights; (b) devices that accept vouchers; (c) the purchase and play of an electronic pull tab with a single press or touch of a button; or (d) the use of multiple video monitors or touchscreens on an electronic gaming device.

6. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may (i) provide food and nonalcoholic beverages to its members who participate in the management, operation, or conduct of bingo; (ii) permit members who participate in the management, operation, or conduct of bingo to play bingo; and (iii) subject to the provisions of subdivision 12 of § 18.2-340.33, permit nonmembers to participate in the conduct of bingo so long as the nonmembers are under the direct supervision of a bona fide member of the organization during the bingo game.

7. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may sell raffle tickets for a raffle drawing that will be held outside the Commonwealth pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-340.26.

8. Prescribe the conditions under which persons who are bona fide members of a qualified organization or a child, above the age of 13 years, of a bona fide member of such organization may participate in the conduct or operation of bingo games.

9. Prescribe the conditions under which a person below the age of 18 years may play bingo, provided that such person is accompanied by his parent or legal guardian.

10. Require all qualified organizations that are subject to Department regulations to post in a conspicuous place in every place where charitable gaming is conducted a sign that bears a toll-free telephone number for the National Problem Gambling Helpline.

11. Require all qualified organizations that are subject to Department regulations to post in a conspicuous place in every place where charitable gaming is conducted a sign that bears the toll-free telephone number and website for the illegal gaming tip line established and administered by the Office of the Gaming Enforcement Coordinator in the Department of State Police pursuant to § 52-54 for members of the public to report concerns about, or suspected instances of, illegal gaming activities.

12. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may sell network bingo cards in accordance with § 18.2-340.28:1 and establish a percentage of proceeds derived from network bingo sales to be allocated to (i) prize pools, (ii) the organization conducting the network bingo, and (iii) the network bingo provider. The regulations shall also establish procedures for the retainage and ultimate distribution of any unclaimed prize.

13. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may manage, operate, or contract with operators of, or conduct Texas Hold'em poker tournaments.

14. Prescribe the conditions under which a qualified organization may lease the premises of a permitted social organization for the purpose of conducting bingo, network bingo, instant bingo, pull tabs, seal cards, and electronic gaming permitted under this article and establish requirements for proper financial reporting of all disbursements, gross receipts, and electronic gaming adjusted gross receipts and payment of all fees required under this article.

B. The Commissioner may, by regulation, approve variations to the card formats for bingo games, provided that such variations result in bingo games that are conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of this article. Department-approved variations may include bingo games commonly referred to as player selection games and 90-number bingo.

**§ 18.2-340.23. Organizations exempt from certain fees and reports.**

A. No organization that reasonably expects, on the basis of prior charitable gaming annual results or any other quantifiable method, to realize gross receipts of \$40,000 or less in any 12-month period from raffles conducted in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be required to (i) notify the Department of its intention to conduct raffles or (ii) comply with Department regulations governing raffles.

B. ~~Any~~ 1. Except as provided in subdivision 2, any organization that reasonably expects, on the basis of prior charitable gaming annual results or any other quantifiable method, to realize gross receipts of \$40,000 or less from all charitable gaming other than raffles on a total of no more than seven days per calendar year shall be required to register with the Department pursuant to the provisions of § 18.2-340.24:1.

2. Any organization described in subdivision 18 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16 that reasonably expects, on the basis of prior bingo annual results or any other quantifiable method, to realize gross receipts of \$40,000 or less from the conduct of bingo on a total of no more than 12 days per calendar year shall be required to register with the Department pursuant to the provisions of § 18.2-340.24:1.

C. 1. If any organization's actual gross receipts from raffles for the 12-month period exceed \$40,000 as described in subsection A or actual gross receipts from all charitable gaming other than raffles conducted on a total of no more than seven days per calendar year exceed \$40,000 as described in ~~subsection~~ subdivision B 1, the Department shall require the organization to obtain a permit pursuant to the provisions of § 18.2-340.25 and file by a specified date the report required by § 18.2-340.30.

2. If the actual gross receipts for any organization described in subdivision 18 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16 exceed \$40,000 from the conduct of bingo on a total of no more than 12 days per calendar year as described in subdivision B 2, the Department shall require the organization to obtain a permit pursuant to the provisions of § 18.2-340.25 and file by a specified date the report required by § 18.2-340.30.

D. Any (i) organization described in subdivision 18 19 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16 or (ii) volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency or auxiliary unit thereof that has been recognized in accordance with § 15.2-955 by an ordinance or resolution of the political subdivision where the volunteer fire department or volunteer emergency medical services agency is located as being part of the safety program of such political subdivision shall be exempt from the payment of application fees required by § 18.2-340.25 and the payment of audit fees required by § 18.2-340.31. Any such organization, department, agency, or unit that conducts electronic gaming shall be subject to such application fees and audit fees for its electronic gaming activities; however, in accordance with the provisions of § 18.2-340.31, any audit fees may be paid by either the organization or the electronic gaming manufacturer whose electronic gaming devices are present on the premises of the organization, department, agency, or unit. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as exempting any organizations described in subdivision 18 19 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16, volunteer fire departments, or volunteer emergency medical services agencies from any other provisions of this article or other Department regulations.

E. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Department from conducting any investigation or audit it deems appropriate to ensure an organization's compliance with the provisions of this article and, to the extent applicable, Department regulations.

**§ 18.2-340.24. Eligibility for permit; exceptions; where valid.**

A. To be eligible for a permit to conduct charitable gaming, an organization shall:

1. Have been in existence and met on a regular basis in the Commonwealth for a period of at least three years immediately prior to applying for a permit.

The three-year residency requirement shall not apply (i) to any lodge or chapter of a national or international fraternal order or of a national or international civic organization which is exempt under § 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and which has a lodge or chapter holding a charitable gaming permit issued under the provisions of this article anywhere within the Commonwealth; (ii) to booster clubs which have been operating for less than three years and which have been established solely to raise funds for school-sponsored activities in public schools or private schools accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19; (iii) to recently established volunteer fire and rescue companies or departments, after county, city, or town approval; or (iv) to an organization which relocates its meeting place on a permanent basis from one jurisdiction to another, complies with the requirements of subdivision 2 of this section, and was the holder of a valid permit at the time of its relocation.

2. ~~Be~~ Except as provided in subsection D, be operating currently and have always been operated as a nonprofit organization.

3. Have at least 50 percent of its membership consist of residents of the Commonwealth; however, if an organization (i) does not consist of bona fide members and (ii) is exempt under § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, the Department shall exempt such organizations from the requirements of this subdivision.

B. Any organization whose gross receipts from all charitable gaming exceeds or can be expected to exceed \$40,000 in any calendar year shall have been granted tax-exempt status pursuant to § 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. At the same time tax-exempt status is sought from the Internal Revenue Service, the same documentation may be filed with the Department in conjunction with an application for a charitable gaming permit. If such documentation is filed, the Department may, after reviewing such documentation it deems necessary, issue a charitable gaming permit.

C. A permit shall be valid only for the dates and times designated in the permit.

D. Any organization described in subdivision 18 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16 that is eligible for a permit pursuant to this section shall donate a minimum of 10 percent of all gross receipts from its charitable gaming activities to a § 501(c)(3) organization.

**§ 18.2-340.24.1. Registration requirements; certain organizations.**

A. Any organization seeking to conduct charitable gaming in accordance with subsection B of § 18.2-340.23 shall first register with the Department on a form prescribed by the Department. The Department shall only require the organization to provide (i) proof of the organization's nonprofit status or status as an organization described in subdivision 18 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16; (ii) contact information for the chief executive officer of the organization or his designee; (iii) the location, dates, and times of any expected charitable gaming activity; (iv) a description of the general nature of the anticipated charitable gaming activity; and (v) a signed attestation that the organization (a) does not reasonably expect to realize more than \$40,000 in gross receipts on a total of no more than seven days per calendar year for the charitable gaming activities listed on the registration form or on a total of no more than 12 days per calendar year for the conduct of bingo for an organization described in subdivision 18 of the

definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16; (b) understands that should the organization exceed the \$40,000 threshold, it will be required to file the report in accordance with § 18.2-340.30; and (c) understands it shall be required to comply with the provisions of this article and Department regulations.

B. Any organization that registers with the Department pursuant to this section is subject to random audits of its charitable gaming activities by the Department and is subject to the penalties specified in §§ 18.2-340.36 and 18.2-340.37 for gross violations of this article.

C. The Department may deny, suspend, or revoke the registration of any organization found not to be in compliance with the provisions of this article and Department regulations. The action of the Department in denying, suspending, or revoking any registration shall be subject to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

D. Any person aggrieved by the denial, suspension, or revocation of a registration or any other action of the Department may seek review of such action in accordance with Article 5 (§ 2.2-4025 et seq.) of the Administrative Process Act.

### **§ 18.2-340.33. Prohibited practices.**

In addition to those other practices prohibited by this article, the following acts or practices are prohibited:

1. No part of the gross receipts or electronic gaming adjusted gross receipts derived by a qualified organization may be used for any purpose other than (i) gaming expenses; (ii) reasonable and proper business expenses; and (iii) those lawful religious, charitable, community, or educational purposes for which the organization is specifically chartered or organized.

2. Except as provided in § 18.2-340.34:1, no qualified organization shall enter into a contract with or otherwise employ for compensation any person for the purpose of organizing, managing, or conducting any charitable games. However, organizations composed of or for deaf or blind persons may use a part of their gross receipts for costs associated with providing clerical assistance in the management and operation but not the conduct of charitable gaming.

The provisions of this subdivision shall not prohibit the joint operation of bingo games held in accordance with § 18.2-340.29.

3. No person shall pay or receive for use of any premises wholly devoted to the conduct of any charitable games, any consideration in excess of the current fair market rental value of such property. Fair market rental value consideration shall not be based upon or determined by reference to a percentage of the proceeds derived from the operation of any charitable games or to the number of people in attendance at such charitable games.

4. No person shall participate in the management or operation of any charitable game unless such person is and, for a period of at least 30 days immediately preceding such participation, has been a bona fide member of the organization. For any organization that is not composed of members, a person who is not a bona fide member may volunteer in the conduct of a charitable game as long as that person is directly supervised by a bona fide official member of the organization.

The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to (i) persons employed as clerical assistants by qualified organizations composed of or for deaf or blind persons; (ii) employees of a corporate sponsor of a qualified organization, provided such employees' participation is limited to the management, operation, or conduct of no more than one raffle per year; (iii) the spouse or family member of any such bona fide member of a qualified organization provided at least one bona fide member is present; or (iv) persons employed by a qualified organization authorized to sell pull tabs or seal cards in accordance with § 18.2-340.16, provided (a) such sales are conducted by no more than two on-duty employees and (b) such employees receive no compensation for or based on the sale of the pull tabs or seal cards.

5. No person shall receive any remuneration for participating in the management, operation, or conduct of any charitable game, except that:

a. Persons employed by organizations composed of or for deaf or blind persons may receive remuneration not to exceed \$30 per event for providing clerical assistance in the management and operation but not the conduct of charitable games only for such organizations;

b. Persons under the age of 19 who sell raffle tickets for a qualified organization to raise funds for youth activities in which they participate may receive nonmonetary incentive awards or prizes from the organization;

c. Remuneration may be paid to off-duty law-enforcement officers from the jurisdiction in which such bingo games are played for providing uniformed security for such bingo games even if such officer is a member of the sponsoring organization, provided the remuneration paid to such member is in accordance with off-duty law-enforcement personnel work policies approved by the local law-enforcement official and further provided that such member is not otherwise engaged in the management, operation, or conduct of the bingo games of that organization, or to private security services businesses licensed pursuant to § 9.1-139 providing uniformed security for such bingo games, provided that employees of such businesses shall not otherwise be involved in the management, operation, or conduct of the bingo games of that organization;

d. A member of a qualified organization lawfully participating in the management, operation, or conduct of a bingo game may be provided food and nonalcoholic beverages by such organization for on-premises

consumption during the bingo game provided the food and beverages are provided in accordance with Department regulations;

e. Remuneration may be paid to bingo managers or callers who have a current registration certificate issued by the Department in accordance with § 18.2-340.34:1, or who are exempt from such registration requirement. Except as provided for in subdivision f and subsection E of § 18.2-340.34:1, such remuneration shall not exceed \$200 per session;

f. For services provided on any day designated as a legal holiday pursuant to § 2.2-3300, remuneration shall be paid at a rate not less than one and one-half times the remuneration rate paid pursuant to subdivision e to bingo managers or callers who have a current registration certificate issued by the Department in accordance with § 18.2-340.34:1, or who are exempt from such registration requirement; and

g. Volunteers of a qualified organization may be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary travel expenses, not to exceed \$50 per session.

6. No landlord shall, at bingo games conducted on the landlord's premises, (i) participate in the conduct, management, or operation of any bingo games; (ii) sell, lease, or otherwise provide for consideration any bingo supplies, including bingo cards, instant bingo cards, or other game pieces; or (iii) require as a condition of the lease or by contract that a particular manufacturer, distributor, or supplier of bingo supplies or equipment be used by the organization.

The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any qualified organization conducting bingo games on its own behalf at premises owned by it.

7. No qualified organization shall enter into any contract with or otherwise employ or compensate any member of the organization on account of the sale of bingo supplies or equipment.

8. No organization shall award any bingo prize money or any merchandise valued in excess of the following amounts:

a. No bingo door prize shall exceed \$250 for a single door prize or \$500 in cumulative door prizes in any one session;

b. No regular bingo or special bingo game prize shall exceed \$100. However, up to 10 games per bingo session may feature a regular bingo or special bingo game prize of up to \$200;

c. No instant bingo, pull tab, or seal card prize for a single card shall exceed \$2,000;

d. Except as provided in this subdivision 8, no bingo jackpot of any nature whatsoever shall exceed \$1,000, nor shall the total amount of bingo jackpot prizes awarded in any one session exceed \$1,000. Proceeds from the sale of bingo cards and the sheets used for bingo jackpot games shall be accounted for separately from the bingo cards or sheets used for any other bingo games; and

e. No single network bingo prize shall exceed \$25,000. Proceeds from the sale of network bingo cards shall be accounted for separately from bingo cards and sheets used for any other bingo game.

9. The provisions of subdivision 8 shall not apply to any progressive bingo game in which (i) a regular or special prize, not to exceed \$100, is awarded on the basis of predetermined numbers or patterns selected at random and (ii) a progressive prize, not to exceed \$500 for the initial progressive prize and \$5,000 for the maximum progressive prize, is awarded if the predetermined numbers or patterns are covered when a certain number of numbers is called, provided that (a) there are no more than six such games per session per organization, (b) the amount of increase of the progressive prize per session is no more than \$200, (c) the bingo cards or sheets used in such games are sold separately from the bingo cards or sheets used for any other bingo games, (d) the organization separately accounts for the proceeds from such sale, and (e) such games are otherwise operated in accordance with the Department's rules of play.

10. No organization shall award any raffle prize valued at more than \$100,000.

The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to a raffle conducted no more than three times per calendar year by a qualified organization qualified as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code for a prize consisting of a lot improved by a residential dwelling where 100 percent of the moneys received from such a raffle, less deductions for the fair market value for the cost of acquisition of the land and materials, are donated to lawful religious, charitable, community, or educational organizations specifically chartered or organized under the laws of the Commonwealth and qualified as a § 501(c) tax-exempt organization. No more than one such raffle shall be conducted in any one geographical region of the Commonwealth.

11. No qualified organization composed of or for deaf or blind persons that employs a person not a member to provide clerical assistance in the management and operation but not the conduct of any charitable games shall conduct such games unless it has in force fidelity insurance, as defined in § 38.2-120, written by an insurer licensed to do business in the Commonwealth.

12. No person shall participate in the management or operation of any charitable game if he has ever been convicted of any felony or if he has been convicted of any misdemeanor involving fraud, theft, or financial crimes within the preceding five years. No person shall participate in the conduct of any charitable game if, within the preceding 10 years, he has been convicted of any felony or if, within the preceding five years he has been convicted of any misdemeanor involving fraud, theft, or financial crimes. In addition, no person shall participate in the management, operation, or conduct of any charitable game if that person, within the



preceding five years, has participated in the management, operation, or conduct of any charitable game that was found by the Department or a court of competent jurisdiction to have been operated in violation of state law, local ordinance, or Department regulation.

13. Qualified organizations jointly conducting bingo games pursuant to § 18.2-340.29 shall not circumvent any restrictions and prohibitions that would otherwise apply if a single organization were conducting such games. These restrictions and prohibitions shall include the frequency with which bingo games may be held, the value of merchandise or money awarded as prizes, or any other practice prohibited under this section.

14. A qualified organization shall not purchase any charitable gaming supplies for use in the Commonwealth from any person who is not currently registered with the Department as a supplier pursuant to § 18.2-340.34.

15. Unless otherwise permitted in this article, no part of an organization's charitable gaming gross receipts shall be used for an organization's social or recreational activities.

16. No organization qualified to conduct Texas Hold'em poker tournaments pursuant to § 18.2-340.28:2 shall conduct any Texas Hold'em poker games where the game has no predetermined end time and the players wager actual money or poker chips that have cash value.

*17. No organization described in subdivision 18 of the definition of "organization" in § 18.2-340.16 shall conduct any charitable gaming activity except for bingo as authorized by the Department in accordance with the provisions of this article. Any such organization shall limit such bingo games to the residents of the common interest community.*