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A Bill

SENATE BILL 87

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5 By: Senator Faris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CHARITABLE BINGO AND RAFFLES
10 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO CREATE THE CHARITABLE BINGO AND
14 RAFFLES OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23 is amended to add an additional
20 chapter to read as follows:

21 23-114-101. Charitable Bingo and Raffles Oversight Commission –
22 Creation – Members.

23 (a) The Charitable Bingo and Raffles Oversight Commission is created.

24 (b)(1) The commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by
25 the Governor for terms of five (5) years.

26 (2) The term of office for each member shall begin on July 1 and
27 shall end on June 30 of the fifth year following the year in which the
28 regular term commenced.

29 (c) The following persons shall serve as ex officio members of the
30 commission:

31 (1) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration
32 or his or her designee; and

33 (2) A representative of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

34 (d) Any vacancies arising in the membership of the commission for any
35 reason other than the expiration of the regular terms for which the members
36 were appointed shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, to be



1 effective until the expiration of the regular term.

2 (e)(1) Each congressional district shall be represented on the
3 commission.

4 (2) Each member of the commission shall have been a resident of
5 Arkansas for not less than ten (10) years next preceding the date of his or
6 her appointment and shall be a qualified voter at the time of his or her
7 appointment.

8 (3) No person is eligible to serve as a member of the commission
9 who is officially connected with, employed by, financially interested in, or
10 related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any officer
11 of:

12 (A) An applicant for a license applied for or issued under
13 this chapter; or

14 (B) A holder of a license applied for or issued under this
15 chapter.

16 (f) The Governor may remove any member of the commission for cause.

17 (g) Before entering upon his or her duties, each member of the
18 commission shall take, subscribe, and file in the office of the Secretary of
19 State an oath to support the United States Constitution and the Arkansas
20 Constitution and to faithfully perform the duties of the office upon which he
21 or she is about to enter.

22 (h) Members of the commission shall not receive compensation for their
23 services, but within the limitations of appropriations made available by the
24 General Assembly, may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in
25 accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

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27 23-114-102. Powers and duties.

28 (a)(1) The Charitable Bingo and Raffles Oversight Commission shall
29 promulgate rules concerning the licensure and regulation of authorized bingo
30 and raffles organizations.

31 (2) Rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Arkansas
32 Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

33 (b)(1) Within limitations that may be provided by appropriations, the
34 commission may employ personnel necessary to properly administer its rules
35 concerning the licensure and regulation of authorized bingo and raffles
36 organizations.

1 (2)(A) The commission may employ a Director of Charitable Bingo
2 and Raffles.

3 (B) If the commission elects to employ a director, the
4 director shall be recommended by the Director of the Department of Finance
5 and Administration and approved by the commission.

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7 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
8 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act is necessary to
9 implement charitable bingo and raffles, which were approved by the people of
10 the State of Arkansas at the 2006 general election; and that this act will be
11 best implemented at the beginning of the state's fiscal year. Therefore, an
12 emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
14 on July 1, 2007.