

ASSEMBLY REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AND GAMING  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1351**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 10, 2012

The Assembly Regulatory Oversight and Gaming Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1351.

This bill would permit bingo games conducted solely for recreation or amusement by any person, group, or organization to be conducted without licensure under the "Bingo Licensing Law." Under the bill, a bingo game may only be conducted without licensure if no player or other person furnishes anything of value for the opportunity to participate, the prizes awarded or to be awarded are nominal, and no person is paid for conducting or assisting in the conduct of the game or games. A bingo game being conducted for amusement or recreation pursuant to the bill must not involve the use of any device into which currency, coins or tokens may be inserted or from which currency, coins or tokens, or any receipt for monetary value, can be dispensed or which, once provided to a person participating in bingo, is capable of communicating with other such devices.

The bill also repeals N.J.S.A.5:8-25.2, as no longer necessary, which provides for an exemption from the bingo licensing law for senior citizen associations and clubs that hold, operate and conduct games of chance solely for the purposes of amusement and recreation under a special license for recreational senior citizen bingo games.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.