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## 2017 SENATE BILL 720

January 19, 2018 - Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 563.03 (4e), 563.03 (4m), 563.04 (6) (b), 563.12 (9), 563.13 (4),  
2           563.51 (22) (b), 563.51 (27), 563.61 (1) (a) and 563.935 (1m) of the statutes;  
3           **relating to:** various changes to bingo and raffles (suggested as remedial  
4           legislation by the Department of Administration).

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill makes various changes to bingo and raffle law, including removing the restriction that all objects drawn for a bingo game be the same color, specifying that a calendar raffle may be depicted by a table or a register, clarifying that only one individual may be designated as the member responsible for the proper utilization of gross bingo receipts, and making other technical changes to language.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Administration and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SENATE BILL 720****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 563.03 (4e) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           563.03 (4e) “Calendar” means a tabular table or register of days covering not  
3 less than one nor more than 12 calendar months that entitles the purchaser to one  
4 entry in each drawing in a calendar raffle.

5           **SECTION 2.** 563.03 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           563.03 (4m) “Calendar raffle” means a raffle for which a drawing is held and  
7 a prize awarded on each date specified in a calendar ~~as a date upon which a prize will~~  
8 ~~be awarded.~~

NOTE: SECTIONS 1 and 2 make clarifying changes to the definitions of “calendar”  
and “calendar raffle” used in ch. 563, stats.

9           **SECTION 3.** 563.04 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10          563.04 (6) (b) To ~~a~~ the member designated by the organization who is  
11 responsible for the gross receipts.

NOTE: SECTIONS 3, 4, 5, and 8 provide that an organization may designate one  
member to be responsible for proper utilization of gross bingo receipts.

12          **SECTION 4.** 563.12 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

13          563.12 (9) The name, address, date of birth and years of membership of ~~an~~ one  
14 active member of the applicant organization who shall be responsible for the proper  
15 utilization of the gross receipts derived from the conduct of bingo.

16          **SECTION 5.** 563.13 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

17          563.13 (4) A \$10 license fee for each bingo occasion proposed to be conducted  
18 and \$5 for an annual license for each the designated member responsible for the  
19 proper utilization of gross receipts. All moneys received under this subsection shall  
20 be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (8) (jm).

21          **SECTION 6.** 563.51 (22) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           563.51 **(22)** (b) The objects to be drawn shall be essentially the same in size,  
2           color, shape, weight, balance and all other characteristics, so that at all times during  
3           the conduct of bingo, each object possesses the capacity for equal agitation with any  
4           other object within the receptacle.

NOTE: This SECTION eliminates the requirement that all balls drawn in a bingo  
game be the same color.

5           **SECTION 7.** 563.51 (27) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           563.51 **(27)** MORE THAN ONE WINNER. When more than one player is found to be  
7           the winner on the call of the same number in the same bingo game, a cash prize shall  
8           be divided equally among the winners. The licensed organization may elect to round  
9           off the prize to any amount between the next lower dollar and the next higher dollar.  
10          Any licensed organization may elect to set a minimum prize of ~~not exceeding~~ no more  
11          than \$10 for each winner. When equal division of a merchandise prize is not possible,  
12          identical substitute prizes whose aggregate retail value is approximately equal to  
13          that of the designated prize may be awarded or a cash prize equal to the retail value  
14          may be divided among the winners as provided in this subsection.

NOTE: SECTIONS 7 and 9 make clarifying language changes without making  
substantive changes.

15          **SECTION 8.** 563.61 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16          563.61 **(1)** (a) The name and address of each supervising member and ~~each~~ the  
17          member responsible for the proper utilization of gross receipts.

18          **SECTION 9.** 563.935 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

19          563.935 **(1m)** ~~If state or federal law places an age restriction on who may~~  
20          ~~possess any prize that will be awarded for a raffle, the~~ The organization conducting  
21          the raffle shall prominently display, at each place where tickets may be purchased,  
22          a notice describing ~~the restriction at each place where tickets may be purchased~~ any

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**SECTION 9**

1 state or federal law that imposes an age restriction on who may possess a prize that  
2 will be awarded in the raffle.

3 (END)