

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015

SESSION LAW 2016-27
HOUSE BILL 292

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A LICENSE TO OPERATE A BEACH BINGO GAME, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CHARGE AND
3 COLLECT THAT LICENSING FEE, AND TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO
4 VIOLATE THE BEACH BINGO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
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8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-309.14 is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

9 "(5) A person shall not operate a beach bingo game at any location without first
10 obtaining a license as provided by this subdivision. Any person operating a
11 beach bingo game without a license is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The
12 procedure for obtaining an application for a beach bingo license shall be as
13 follows:

14 a. The application for a beach bingo license shall be made to the State
15 Bureau of Investigation on a form prescribed by the Bureau. The Bureau
16 shall charge an initial application fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)
17 and an annual renewal fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to defray
18 the cost of issuing beach bingo licenses and handling enforcement. The
19 fees collected shall be deposited in the General Fund of the State. This
20 license shall expire one year after the granting of the license but may be
21 renewed yearly upon payment of the renewal fee.

22 b. Each application and renewal application shall contain all of the
23 following information:

24 1. The name and address of the applicant and if the applicant is a
25 corporation, association, or other similar legal entity, the name
26 and home address of each of the officers of the organization as
27 well as the name and address of the directors, or other persons
28 similarly situated, of the organization.

29 2. The location at which the applicant will conduct the bingo
30 games. If the premises are leased, a copy of the lease or rental
31 agreement.

32 c. Any false information provided in an application for a beach bingo
33 license is cause for suspension of that license and is also a Class 2
34 misdemeanor.

35 d. All books, papers, records, and documents relevant to determining
36 whether an individual has acted or is acting in compliance with this
37 section shall be open to inspection by the State Bureau of Investigation
38 at reasonable times and during reasonable hours."

39 **SECTION 2.** The State Bureau of Investigation may take the necessary actions to
40 develop and implement the application process. Beginning October 1, 2016, the State Bureau of
41 Investigation may accept applications, charge and collect application fees, and issue licenses as
42 provided by G.S. 14-309.14(5), as enacted by this act.

43 **SECTION 3.** The Revisor of Statutes is directed to replace any reference to the
44 "Department of Public Safety" with the "State Bureau of Investigation" wherever it appears in Part
45 2 of Article 37 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes.



1 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 14-309(5)c., as enacted by Section 1 of this act, becomes effective
2 October 1, 2016, and applies to applications submitted on or after October 1, 2016, and offenses
3 committed on or after that date. The remainder of Section 1 of this act becomes effective
4 December 1, 2016, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this
5 act is effective when it becomes law.

6 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of June, 2016.
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9 s/ Daniel J. Forest
10 President of the Senate

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12 s/ Tim Moore
13 Speaker of the House of Representatives
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17 s/ Pat McCrory
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21 Approved 4:03 p.m. this 22nd day of June, 2016