

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2568

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**SYNOPSIS**

Removes licensing requirement for recreational senior citizen bingo games.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/16/2008)

1 AN ACT concerning special bingo licenses and amending P.L.1973,  
2 c.324.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1973. c.324 (C.5:8-25.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. **[**The governing body of any municipality shall issue a  
10 special license to any] Any senior citizen association or club  
11 desiring to hold, operate and conduct games of chance solely for the  
12 purpose of amusement and recreation of its members **[**. Said  
13 special license shall be valid only for those games of chance held,  
14 operated and conducted where] may do so, without licensure and  
15 without complying with the provisions of the “Bingo Licensing  
16 Law,” P.L.1954, c.6 (C.5:8-24 et seq.), provided that no player or  
17 other person furnishes anything of value for the opportunity to  
18 participate; the prizes awarded or to be awarded are nominal; no  
19 person other than a bona fide active member of the organization  
20 participates in the conduct of the games; and no person is paid for  
21 conducting or assisting in the conduct of the game or games. **[**Said  
22 special license shall be issued under this act without fee and shall  
23 be effective for a period of 2 years.]

24 (cf: P.L.1973, c.324, s.1)

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26 2. Section 2 of P.L.1973, c.324 (C.5:8-25.2) is amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 2. Senior citizen associations or clubs holding, operating and  
29 conducting games of chance solely for the amusement and  
30 recreation of its members **[**under said special license] shall not be  
31 subject to the provisions of **[**the act to which this act is a  
32 supplement] the “Bingo Licensing Law,” P.L.1954, c.6 (C.5:8-24 et  
33 seq.).

34 (cf: P.L.1973, c.324, s.2)

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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41 Under current law, any senior citizen association or club wishing  
42 to conduct bingo solely for the purpose of amusement and  
43 recreation may do so after applying for a special bingo license.  
44 This special license is issued by a municipality for a period of two

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 years, and there is no charge for the license. Senior citizen  
2 associations or clubs conducting bingo under the special license are  
3 not subject to the provisions of the “Bingo Licensing Law,” which  
4 regulates wagering on charitable bingo games.

5 This bill would permit recreational bingo games to be conducted  
6 by a senior citizen club or association without any requirement for  
7 licensure by the municipality.