

FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 396, "An Act to add Sections 324.1 et seq. to the Penal Code of Guam, known as the "Bingo Law", and for other purposes", was on the 8th day of August, 1960, duly and regularly passed.



A. B. WOK PAT
Speaker

ATTESTED:



V. B. BAMBIA
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 1960 at _____ o'clock _____ M.


MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO
Assistant Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:



JOSEPH FLORES
Governor of Guam

DATED: AUG 25 1960



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Introduced by _____
Committee on Rules, by request

AN ACT TO ADD SECTIONS 324.1 ET SEQ. TO
THE PENAL CODE OF GUAM, KNOWN AS THE
"BINGO LAW", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Sections 324.1 through 324.5 are hereby added to
3 the Penal Code of Guam to read as follows:

4 "Section 324.1. Definitions. As used in this Chapter,
5 unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms
6 shall have the following meanings:

7 (a) 'Bingo' or 'game' shall mean and include a specific
8 game of chance, commonly known as bingo, in which prizes are
9 awarded on the basis of designated numbers or symbols on a
10 card conforming to numbers or symbols selected at random.

11 (b) 'Authorized organization' shall mean and include
12 only religious, charitable, fraternal and nonprofit organi-
13 zations, associations or societies organized and operated
14 exclusively for the benefit of the community and for the
15 promotion of social welfare.

16 Section 324.2. Registration. Each applicant for
17 registration as an authorized organization shall file with
18 the Director of Finance a written application therefor in the
19 form prescribed by the Director, duly executed and verified,
20 in which shall be stated the name and address of the applicant,
21 together with sufficient facts relating to its organization
22 and operation to enable the Director to determine whether
23 it is a bona fide authorized organization and entitled to
24 registration. If the Director finds that the applicant is

1 qualified under the provisions of this Chapter he shall
2 register the same as an authorized organization.

3 Section 324.3. Conduct of bingo: proceeds. Bingo
4 games may be conducted under this Chapter, subject to the
5 following restrictions:

6 (a) No person, association, society or organization,
7 other than an authorized organization registered pursuant
8 to this Chapter, shall be permitted to conduct such games,
9 except that no registration shall be required of any agency
10 or instrumentality of the Armed Forces of the United States,
11 or an organization under the sponsorship of the Armed Forces
12 of the United States, to conduct bingo solely within military
13 reservations.

14 (b) No person except a bona fide member of any such
15 organization shall be permitted to participate in the manage-
16 ment or operation of such game, nor shall any organization
17 engage the services of any person or admit any person to
18 membership for the purpose of promoting, operating or
19 managing any such game.

20 (c) The entire net proceeds of any game shall be
21 exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the authorized
22 organization.

23 (d) A record shall be kept of all receipts and dis-
24 bursements in connection with each game, and a monthly
25 accounting thereof submitted to the Director of Finance.

26 Section 324.4. Period of registration: cancellation.
27 Registration shall be valid for a period of one year, and
28 shall expire annually on December 31 of each year. The
29 Director of Finance shall, however, cancel the registration
30 of any organization which has so changed its operation as to
31 be no longer qualified as an authorized organization, or has
32 otherwise violated the provisions of this Chapter.

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Section 324.5. Short Title. Sections 324.1 through 324.5 may be cited as "The Bingo Law".

Section 2. Section 319, Penal Code of Guam, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 319. Lottery defined. A 'lottery' is any scheme for the disposal or distribution of money or property by chance, among persons who have paid or promised to pay any valuable consideration for the chance of obtaining such money or property or a portion of it, or for any share or any interest in such money or property, upon any agreement, understanding, or expectation that it is to be distributed or disposed of by lot or chance, whether called a lottery, bingo, raffle, or gift enterprise, or by whatever name the same be known."

Section 3. Section 324, Penal Code of Guam, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 324. Lotteries: legal purposes. Lotteries as hereinbefore defined which, in the opinion of the Governor of Guam, have as their sole purpose a charitable or worthy public cause, which cause shall inure to the benefit of the community and for the promotion of social welfare may be conducted in Guam upon receipt of the written approval of the Governor of Guam of a written application to conduct such a lottery. No approval of the Governor of Guam shall be required with respect to lotteries conducted solely within military reservations by any agency or instrumentality of the Armed Forces of the United States or an organization under the sponsorship of the Armed Forces of the United States. The form of lottery known as bingo may be conducted by an authorized organization which is registered as hereinafter provided without further approval."

Section 4. This Act is an urgency measure.