

Senate Bill 440

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to define certain terms; to provide that certain veterans  
3 organizations may sell certain pull tab games of chance; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to bingo, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "16-12-63.

10 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

11 (1) 'Pull tab games' means multilayered paper tickets containing symbols hidden behind  
12 perforated tabs with two sides, with one side listing the winning combination of symbols,  
13 the cash payout for each combination, the total number of tickets that contain each  
14 winning combination, and the total number of tickets in the game. This information may  
15 also be posted in a printed sheet called a flare. The other side of the ticket contains the  
16 perforated tabs which, upon purchase, the player pulls to reveal his or her winnings, if  
17 any. Winnings are limited to \$500.00 per person per 24 hour time period.

18 (2) 'Veterans organization' means an organization, association, corporation, or other legal  
19 entity which has been determined by the federal Internal Revenue Service to be exempt  
20 from taxation under federal tax law and has been determined by the Georgia Department  
21 of Revenue to be exempt from taxation under the tax laws of this state; which is  
22 organized or incorporated in this state or authorized to do business in this state; and  
23 which uses the proceeds from any pull tab games conducted by such organization solely  
24 within this state.

25 (b) Any veterans organization shall be authorized to sell pull tab games, and such sale shall  
26 be exempt from the laws of this state proscribing gambling."

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.