

The House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HB 51:

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 transfer the responsibility for the regulation of bingo
3 games and issuance of bingo licenses from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to the
4 Department of Revenue; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and
5 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to bingo, is amended by replacing "Director" with "Commissioner" and "director"
10 with "commissioner" wherever such terms occur in:

- 11 (1) Code Section 16-12-51, relating to definitions pertaining to bingo;
- 12 (2) Code Section 16-12-52, relating to license required to operate bingo game and
13 recreational bingo exception;
- 14 (3) Code Section 16-12-53, relating to bingo licensing procedures, fees, and renewals;
- 15 (4) Code Section 16-12-54, relating to revocation of licenses and access to premises by
16 law enforcement agencies;
- 17 (5) Code Section 16-12-55, relating to certification of tax-exempt status of organization,
18 issuance of certificate of licensure, and evidentiary nature of certificate;
- 19 (6) Code Section 16-12-56, relating to issuance of annual one-day license to nonprofit,
20 tax-exempt school and application;
- 21 (7) Code Section 16-12-59, relating to annual report to be filed with the director;
- 22 (8) Code Section 16-12-61, relating to promulgation of necessary rules and regulations
23 by director authorized; and
- 24 (9) Code Section 16-12-62, relating to penalties.

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said part is further amended by replacing "Bureau of Investigation" with "Department of
27 Revenue" wherever such term occurs in:

- 28 (1) Code Section 16-12-51, relating to definitions pertaining to bingo; and
29 (2) Code Section 16-12-53, relating to bingo licensing procedures, fees, and renewals.

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011, and shall apply to all bingo license
32 applications and bingo licenses issued on or after such date.

33 **SECTION 4.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.