

Senate Bill 454

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th and Cowser of the 46th

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 any organization or association chartered by the
19 Congress of the United States which is exempt from federal income taxes but only if such
20 organization is a post or organization of past or present members of the armed forces of
21 the United States organized in the State of Georgia with at least 75 percent of the
22 members of which are past or present members of the armed forces of the United States,
23 and where no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private
24 shareholder or individual.

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.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.