

The House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HB 166:

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 relating to bingo; to provide for
3 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 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 revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 16-12-51, relating
9 to definitions pertaining to bingo, as follows:

10 "(1) 'Bingo game' or 'nonprofit bingo game' means a game of chance played on cards
11 with numbered squares in which counters or indicators are placed on numbers chosen by
12 lot and won by covering a previously specified number or order of numbered squares and
13 a game of chance played on cards with numbered sections listing winning combinations
14 of letters and number symbols and containing hidden letter and number symbols where
15 each participant receives one or more cards which afford a participant an opportunity to
16 win something of value by opening, detaching, or otherwise removing one or more covers
17 from the card to reveal a set of number and letter symbols. A bingo game may be played
18 manually or with an electronic or computer device that stores the numbers from a player's
19 card or cards, tracks the numbers chosen by lot when such numbers are entered by the
20 player, and notifies the player of a winning combination. Such words, terms, or phrases,
21 as used in this paragraph, shall be strictly construed to include only the series of acts
22 generally defined as bingo and shall exclude all other activity."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
25 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.