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NO BINGO LICENSE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUPS

House Bill 4425

Sponsor: Rep. Gilda Z. Jacobs

Committee: Constitutional Law and Ethics

Complete to 4-15-99

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4425 AS INTRODUCED 3-18-99

The bill would add a new section to the Traxler-McCauley-Law-Bowman Bingo Act to exempt senior citizen groups ("a group, club, or home that consists of members, each of whom is not less than 60 years of age") from the act's bingo licensing requirements under the following circumstances:

- (1) The bingo was conducted solely for the members' amusement and recreation and was not used for fundraising;
- (2) Only members, their guests, and their employees could participate in the bingo;
- (3) Players were not charged more than 25 cents for a bingo card;
- (4) The aggregate retail value of all prizes and merchandise awarded in a single day was not more than \$100;
- (5) All revenue from the bingo was used for prizes and reasonable expenses incurred in operating the bingo; and
- (6) No person was compensated for participating in the conduct of the bingo.

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