

TRAXLER-MCCAULEY-LAW-BOWMAN BINGO ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 382 of 1972

432.103a Definitions; P to V.

Sec. 3a.

As used in this act:

- (a) "Person" means an individual, firm, association, corporation, or other legal entity.
- (b) "Principal officer" means the highest ranking officer of the qualified organization according to its written constitution, charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws.
- (c) "Prize" means anything of value, including, but not limited to, money or merchandise that is given to a player for attending or winning a game at an event. A nonmonetary item is valued at its retail value. Prize does not include advertising given away by a qualified organization in accordance with rules promulgated under this act.
- (d) "Qualified organization" means, subject to subdivision (e), either of the following:
 - (i) A bona fide religious, educational, service, senior citizens, fraternal, or veterans' organization that operates without profit to its members and that either has been in existence continuously as an organization for a period of 5 years or is exempt from taxation under section 501(c) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501(c).
 - (ii) Only for the purpose of conducting a small raffle or a large raffle under this act, a component of the military or the Michigan national guard whose members are in active service or active state service.
- (e) "Qualified organization" does not include a candidate committee, political committee, political party committee, ballot question committee, independent committee, or any other committee as defined by, and organized under, the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 to 169.282.
- (f) "Raffle" means an event for which raffle tickets are sold and at which a winner or winners are determined, either by randomly selecting stubs from all of the raffle tickets sold for an event or by an alternative method that is approved in writing by the bureau, and a preannounced prize is awarded.
- (g) "Religious organization" means any of the following:
 - (i) An organization, church, body of communicants, or group in this state that is organized not for pecuniary profit and that gathers in common membership for mutual support and edification in piety, worship, and religious observances.
 - (ii) A society of individuals in this state that is organized not for pecuniary profit and that unites for religious purposes at a definite place.
 - (iii) A church-related private school in this state that is organized not for pecuniary profit.
- (h) "Senior citizens organization" means an organization in this state that is organized not for pecuniary profit, that consists of at least 15 members who are 60 years of age or older, and that exists for their mutual support and for the advancement of the causes of elderly or retired persons.
- (i) "Service organization" means either of the following:
 - (i) A branch, lodge, or chapter in this state of a national or state organization that is organized not for pecuniary profit and that is authorized by its written constitution, charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws to engage in a fraternal, civic, or service purpose in this state.
 - (ii) A local civic organization in this state that is organized not for pecuniary profit; that is not affiliated with a state or national organization; that is recognized by resolution adopted by the local governmental subdivision in which the organization conducts its principal activities; whose constitution, charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws contain a provision for the perpetuation of the organization as a nonprofit organization; whose entire assets are used for charitable purposes; and whose constitution, charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws contain a provision that all assets, real property, and personal property must revert to the benefit of the local governmental subdivision that granted the resolution or another nonprofit organization on dissolution of the organization.
- (j) "Small bingo" means a series of bingo occasions that occur on a regular basis during which the total value of all prizes awarded for bingo games at a single occasion does not exceed \$300.00 and the total value of all prizes awarded for a single bingo game does not exceed \$25.00.
- (k) "Small raffle" means an event during which the total value of all prizes awarded through raffle drawings does not exceed \$500.00 during 1 occasion.
- (l) "Special bingo" means a single or consecutive series of bingo occasions during which the total value of all prizes awarded for bingo games at a single occasion does not exceed \$3,500.00 and the total value of all prizes awarded for a single bingo game does not exceed \$1,100.00.
- (m) "Supplier" means a person licensed under this act to rent, sell, or lease equipment or to sell charity game or numeral game tickets to qualified organizations licensed under this act.
- (n) "Veterans' organization" means an organization in this state, or a branch, lodge, or chapter in this state of a state organization or of a national organization chartered by the Congress of the United States, that is organized not for pecuniary profit, the membership of which consists of individuals who were members of the armed services

or armed forces of the United States. Veterans' organization includes an auxiliary of a veterans' organization that is a national organization chartered by the Congress of the United States.

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Compiler's Notes: For transfer of powers and duties of lottery commissioner and bureau of state lottery related to licensing and regulation of millionaire parties under bingo act to executive director of Michigan gaming control board, see E.R.O. No. 2012-3, compiled at MCL 432.91.

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