
CHAPTER 260—H.F.No.1608**[Not Coded]**

An act relating to legal assistance; providing state aid to certain legal assistance corporations; providing a penalty; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. LEGAL AID; CERTAIN ASSISTANCE CORPORATIONS; APPROPRIATION. The sum of \$165,000 shall be appropriated to the commissioner of administration from the general fund for the purpose of assisting in the provision of criminal and juvenile defense to indigent individuals.

Sec. 2. The following sums shall be disbursed in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977:

Duluth, \$10,000

St. Paul, \$50,000

Minneapolis, \$25,000

Leech Lake, \$40,000

White Earth, \$40,000

Sec. 3. The sums appropriated by this act shall be distributed by the commissioner of administration in consultation with the attorney general to one non-profit criminal and juvenile defense corporation in each of the five named localities. Funds may not be disbursed to a corporation in the Leech Lake reservation area and the White Earth reservation area without prior approval by the respective reservation business committee. Funds shall be disbursed to those non-profit criminal and juvenile defense corporations designated by the commissioner of administration by July 1 of each year. The commissioner of administration shall give notice 30 days in advance and conduct a hearing if he has reasonable grounds to believe funds appropriated by this act are being improperly used, or, if in consultation with the attorney general, he has reasonable cause to believe criminal and juvenile defense of proper quality is not being supplied. Funds shall cease from the date of notice until either the commissioner determines that the funds appropriated by this act will be properly handled, or the commissioner, in consultation with the attorney general, determines that criminal and juvenile defense of proper quality will be provided. A participating corporation may give notice at any time of its withdrawal from this program of financial assistance.

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Sec. 4. Any person, employee, administrator, or officer of a recipient of the funds hereunder who discriminates on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, or national origin is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Approved April 13, 1976.

CHAPTER 261—H.F.No.1767

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to bingo; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 609.75, Subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 349.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[349.11] BINGO; POLICY.** The purpose of this act is to closely regulate and control the conduct of the game of bingo and to prohibit commercialization of bingo.

Sec. 2. **[349.12] DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. As used in sections 1 to 13 the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Active member" means a member who has paid all his dues to the organization and has been a member of the organization for at least six months.

Subd. 3. "Bingo" means a game where each player has a card or board for which a consideration has been paid containing five horizontal rows of spaces, with each row except the central one containing five figures. The central row has four figures with the word "free" marked in the center space thereof. A player wins a game of bingo by completing any preannounced combination of spaces or, in the absence of a preannouncement of a combination of spaces, any combination of five spaces in a row, either vertical, horizontal or diagonal.

Subd. 4. "Bingo occasion" means a single gathering or session at which a series of one or more successive bingo games is played.

Subd. 5. "Checker" means a person who records the number of bingo cards purchased and played during each game and records the prizes awarded to the recorded cards, but does not collect the payment for the cards.

Subd. 6. "Lawful purpose" means one or more of the following: (a) benefiting persons by enhancing their opportunity for religious or educational advancement, by relieving or protecting them from dis-

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