

## State Law on Charity Games (Bingo)

The Oklahoma Charity Games Act restricts the conducting of certain games of chance (e.g. Bingo) to certain organizations which function exclusively for charitable purposes in conformance with state and federal laws regulating such organizations (e.g. 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations.) This law applies to bingo games where there is charge for the cards or an admission charge and play is for money or prizes. The Able Commission is the licensing authority of organizations providing charity games. Organizations conducting bingo games must obtain either a license or an exemption.

### Exemptions

Any organization which conducts any charity game activities not more than four times per year may obtain an exemption from specific provision of the Oklahoma Charity Games Act, section 401 [3A-401]. Such exemption shall be obtained by the filing of a verified application with the ABLE Commission signed by the executive officer of said organization and containing the following information:

1. The name and address of the organization;
2. The name, address and telephone number of the executive officer of the organization or such other person authorized to receive documents or other information from the Commission on behalf of the organization; and
3. A statement that said organization shall conduct a charity game session four or fewer times per calendar year and the dates and times and location wherein such activities shall occur.

Any organization which conducts any charity game activities not more than four times per year which has obtained an exemption from the Commission shall not:

1. Be required to obtain any type of license required by the Oklahoma Charity Games Act;
2. Be restricted to the use of bingo faces as defined in the Oklahoma Charity Games Act but shall not be authorized to use electronic facsimile of faces;
3. Be required to purchase charity game equipment from persons or business entities licensed pursuant to the provision of the Oklahoma Charity Games Act; or
4. Be subject to any restriction in this act or rules of the Commission relating to conducting charity games on certain days of the week or during certain hours.

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