

1 *House* BILL NO. *344*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION
 5 62-716, R.C.M. 1947, TO ALLOW CASH AS WELL AS NON-CASH
 6 AWARDS IN BINGO GAMES AND INCREASE THE CASH AWARD TO \$1000."
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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 Section 1. Section 62-716, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 10 read as follows:

11 "62-716. Definitions. As used in this act, unless the
 12 context otherwise requires, the following terms or phrases
 13 shall have the following meanings:

14 (1) "Game of chance" means the specific kind of game of
 15 chance commonly known as:

16 (a) "bingo," in which prizes are awarded on the basis
 17 of designated numbers or symbols on a card which conform to
 18 numbers or symbols selected at random; ~~and such~~ these prizes
 19 ~~must~~ may be in either tangible personal property ~~only~~ and
 20 ~~not-in or money~~ cash, but not in stocks, bonds, evidences
 21 of indebtedness, or other intangible personal property and
 22 ~~must~~ may not exceed, singly or in combination, the value of
 23 ~~one--hundred-dollars-(\$100)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1000) for
 24 each individual bingo award. The price for an individual
 25 bingo card shall not exceed fifty cents (\$.50). It shall be

1 unlawful to, in any manner, combine any awards so as to
 2 increase the ultimate value of such award;

3 (b) "raffles," which are conducted by drawing for
 4 prizes. Prizes must be in tangible personal property only
 5 and not in money, cash, stocks, bonds, evidences of
 6 indebtedness, or other intangible personal property and must
 7 not exceed the value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for
 8 each individual raffle card. It shall be unlawful to, in any
 9 manner, combine any awards so as to increase the ultimate
 10 value of such award.

11 (2) "Equipment" means:

12 (a) with respect to bingo, the receptacle and numbered
 13 objects drawn from it, the master board upon which such
 14 objects are placed as drawn, the cards or sheets bearing
 15 numbers or other designations to be covered and the objects
 16 used to cover them, the boards or signs, however operated,
 17 used to announce or display the numbers or designations as
 18 they are drawn, public address system, and all other
 19 articles essential to the operation, conduct and playing of
 20 bingo; or

21 (b) with respect to raffles, the implements, devices
 22 and machines designed, intended or used for the conduct of
 23 raffles and the identification of the winning number or unit
 24 and the ticket or other evidence of right to participate in
 25 raffles."

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