

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1235**

Introduced by

Representatives Maragos, Delmore, Karls

Senators Casper, Hogue, Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act create and enact a new section to chapter 53-06.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the game of bingo; and to declare an emergency.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 53-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Bingo.**

- 7 1. "Bingo" means a game in which a player matches letter and number combinations on  
8 a bingo card or bingo card marking device with letter and number combinations that  
9 are called or predrawn and transmitted via radio frequency signal or wi-fi transmission.  
10 If a predetermined pattern is achieved, the player wins a prize. It is not required for  
11 each bingo game to have a winner. Bingo may be played on a bingo card or a bingo  
12 card marking device that marks an electronic card image.
- 13 2. If a player chooses to play using a bingo card, letter and number combinations may be  
14 called or predrawn. The player manually marks each corresponding square.
- 15 3. If a player chooses to play using a bingo card marking device, letter and number  
16 combinations may be called or predrawn. The corresponding squares on the bingo  
17 card marking device are marked electronically, by radio frequency signal or wi-fi  
18 transmission, or manually by the player. Players may purchase bingo cards on the  
19 bingo card marking device which are then matched against the called or predrawn  
20 letter and number combinations. Card faces may not be revealed until after the sale is  
21 complete. A bingo card marking device:
- 22 a. Utilizes a random number generator or a device from which bingo balls are  
23 drawn;

- 1           b. Utilizes a bingo card marking device site operating system, including a  
2           point-of-sale device, which allows an employee to deposit credits received from a  
3           player by cash, check, or debit card into a temporary account that the player may  
4           use to purchase bingo cards on a bingo card marking device. All deposits must  
5           be received prior to play;  
6           c. May track the accumulation of a player's winnings which later must be redeemed  
7           by an employee; and  
8           d. Must be a portable radio frequency signal or wi-fi transmission unit. Stationary  
9           hard-wired devices may not be allowed.

10       **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.