

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1231

Introduced by

Representatives Karls, Beadle, Oversen

Senators Dotzenrod, Krebsbach, Laffen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to distributors and manufacturers of games of chance.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-06.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **53-06.1-14. Distributors and manufacturers.**

- 7 1. A manufacturer of pull tabs, bingo cards, or bingo card marking devices shall apply  
8 annually for a license and pay a license fee of four thousand dollars. A manufacturer of  
9 pull tab dispensing devices shall apply annually for a license and pay a license fee of  
10 one thousand dollars. A manufacturer of fifty-fifty raffle systems shall apply annually for  
11 a license and pay a license fee of five hundred dollars. A distributor shall apply  
12 annually for a license and pay a license fee of one thousand five hundred dollars.  
13 Application must be made before the first day of April in each year on a form  
14 prescribed by the attorney general.
- 15 2. A licensed distributor may not sell, market, or distribute gaming equipment except to a  
16 licensed distributor, licensed organization, organization that has a permit, or other  
17 person authorized by gaming rule or the attorney general. A manufacturer of a pull tab  
18 dispensing device, pull tab, bingo card marking device, ~~or bingo card,~~ or fifty-fifty raffle  
19 system may only sell, market, or distribute the manufacturer's pull tab dispensing  
20 device and processing chip encoded with proprietary software, pull tab, bingo card  
21 marking device, ~~or bingo card,~~ or fifty-fifty raffle system to a licensed distributor. A  
22 licensed distributor may purchase or acquire a pull tab dispensing device and  
23 processing chip encoded with proprietary software, pull tab, bingo card marking  
24 device, ~~or bingo card,~~ or fifty-fifty raffle system only from a licensed manufacturer or

1 licensed distributor. However, a distributor may purchase or acquire a used pull tab  
2 dispensing device ~~or fifty-fifty raffle system~~ from a licensed organization. A distributor  
3 may not duplicate a manufacturer's processing chip encoded with proprietary  
4 software. No gaming equipment or prize may be sold or leased at an excessive price.

5 3. A licensed distributor shall affix a North Dakota gaming stamp to each deal of pull tabs  
6 and bingo cards, ~~raffle board, raffle event board,~~ punchboard, sports pool board,  
7 calcutta board, ~~poker event board,~~ and series of paddlewheel ticket cards sold or  
8 otherwise provided to a licensed organization and shall purchase the stamps from the  
9 attorney general for thirty-five cents each. Ten cents of each stamp sold by the  
10 attorney general, up to thirty-six thousand dollars per biennium, must be credited to  
11 the attorney general's operating fund to defray the costs of issuing and administering  
12 the gaming stamps.

13 4. A licensed organization, organization that has a permit, licensed manufacturer, or  
14 North Dakota wholesaler of liquor or alcoholic beverages may not be a distributor or  
15 stockholder of a distributor. A distributor may not be a stockholder of a manufacturer.

16 5. In addition to the license fee, the attorney general may require advance payment of  
17 any fee necessary to pay the cost of a record check of an applicant according to  
18 subdivision c of subsection 5 of section 53-06.1-06.

19 6. A licensed manufacturer may not refuse to sell deals of pull tabs ~~or,~~ paper bingo cards, or gaming equipment  
20 to a licensed distributor unless:

21 a. A specific deal of pull tabs is sold on an exclusive basis;

22 b. The manufacturer does not sell deals of pull tabs ~~or,~~ paper bingo cards, or  
23 gaming equipment to any distributor in the state;

24 c. A gaming law or rule prohibits the sale;

25 d. The distributor has not provided the manufacturer with proof of satisfactory credit  
26 or is delinquent on any payment owed to the manufacturer; or

27 e. The distributor has not met the manufacturer's standard minimum order quantity  
28 and freight terms.