

13-1203. BINGO.

(A) LICENSE REQUIRED.

A PERSON MUST HAVE A LICENSE FOR EACH DAY THAT THE PERSON CONDUCTS BINGO UNLESS THE BINGO IS CONDUCTED IN A LICENSED GAMING EVENT.

(B) ISSUED BY CLERK.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE, IN ADDITION TO BINGO CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH A GAMING EVENT UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY MAY ISSUE A LICENSE TO CONDUCT BINGO.

(C) QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS.

TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE TO CONDUCT BINGO, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE A:

(1) BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS GROUP THAT HAS CONDUCTED RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT A FIXED LOCATION IN THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE;

(2) TAX-SUPPORTED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR AN AUXILIARY UNIT WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRE COMPANY;

(3) NATIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR AN AUXILIARY UNIT WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORGANIZATION; OR

(4) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT:

(I) INTENDS TO RAISE MONEY FOR AN EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE, ATHLETIC, OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE THAT IS DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE; AND

(II) HAS OPERATED IN THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE.

(D) APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO CONDUCT BINGO SHALL CONTAIN A CERTIFICATION, BY A PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE APPLICANT, STATING:

(1) THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT;

(2) THAT THE BINGO WILL BE CONDUCTED AND MANAGED SOLELY AND PERSONALLY BY THE REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE APPLICANT WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF GAMING PROFESSIONALS; AND

(3) THAT NO COMPENSATION OR REWARD WILL BE PAID TO ANY PERSON FOR CONDUCTING OR ASSISTING IN THE CONDUCTING OF THE BINGO.