

House Bill 2398

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Specifies that compensation paid to employees of charitable gaming events is based on Oregon minimum wage standards.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to charitable gaming; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 464.250.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 464.250 is amended to read:

5 464.250. (1) The Department of Justice has the following powers and duties relating to the reg-
6 ulation of bingo, lotto or raffle games or Monte Carlo events:

7 (a) To authorize and regulate the operation of bingo, lotto and raffle games and Monte Carlo
8 events permitted under ORS 167.117 and to adopt rules in accordance with applicable provisions of
9 ORS chapter 183 for the performance of the department's duties.

10 (b) To issue and renew licenses and permits for operation of bingo, lotto and raffle games and
11 Monte Carlo events, including the manufacturers and suppliers of equipment and supplies necessary
12 for the operation of the games and events and escrow agents holding money or property to be
13 awarded as a prize, and to adopt license and permit fees. Licenses and permits are valid for one year
14 unless renewed. The department shall set fees at an amount sufficient to cover all costs incurred
15 by the department in its activities. License fees consist of an initial payment, in an amount estab-
16 lished by rule, prior to issuance or renewal of the license, together with a monthly payment con-
17 stituting a percentage of the licensee's monthly gross income from the operation each month
18 thereafter. An applicant for a license or a permit shall submit with the application a sum adequate
19 to pay the required initial fee payment. If the applicant later withdraws the application or the de-
20 partment denies the application, the department shall retain the portion of the amount submitted to
21 it that will pay the reasonable costs expended for processing and investigating the application. If
22 the fee adopted by the department is less than the actual expenses of the department to investigate
23 an application, the department may charge to the applicant an additional fee to repay the depart-
24 ment for those costs. The department may refuse to proceed with its investigation or to issue a li-
25 cense until the department has been fully paid for those costs. The department shall create at least
26 two classes of licenses for each activity regulated under this section. The licensing and operational
27 requirements for licensees and the extent to which background checks are conducted under para-
28 graph (d)(B) of this subsection must be commensurate with the size of the licensee's bingo, lotto,
29 raffle or Monte Carlo event operations. The department shall adopt rules exempting from licensing
30 any organization that would otherwise qualify for a license and that is engaged in minimal bingo,
31 lotto or Monte Carlo event activity.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) To prescribe the manner and method of payment of all moneys to be paid to or collected by
2 the department.

3 (d) To adopt requirements as to what information an applicant must provide to the department.
4 However, each license applicant must provide, and the department shall require, the names and ad-
5 dresses of all persons having a management or ownership interest in the bingo, lotto, raffle or Monte
6 Carlo event operation or in the premises on which the operation is conducted and the names and
7 addresses of all officers and directors of the applicant organization. The department shall also re-
8 quire the names and addresses of all persons employed in bingo, lotto, raffle or Monte Carlo event
9 operations. The following apply to applications under this paragraph:

10 (A) An applicant shall certify, under oath, that the persons named on the application are all of
11 the persons known by the applicant to have an interest in the bingo, lotto, raffle or Monte Carlo
12 event operation or the premises on which the operation is conducted including all officers and di-
13 rectors of the applicant organization.

14 (B) The department may require fingerprints, a photograph, a handwriting sample and back-
15 ground checks, including state and nationwide criminal records checks under ORS 181A.195, on any
16 person seeking a license from it or any person holding an interest in any bingo, lotto, raffle or
17 Monte Carlo event operation or in the premises on which it is conducted. The department may also
18 require fingerprints or background checks, including state and nationwide criminal records checks
19 under ORS 181A.195, of any manager or other employee of such a bingo, lotto, raffle or Monte Carlo
20 event operation.

21 (e) To adopt record keeping requirements for licensees of the department and the submission of
22 reports to the department as the department determines necessary. The department may require
23 licensees to record and report income from bingo, lotto, raffle, Monte Carlo events, concessions and
24 other related operations, the amounts received from each player, the costs and expenses of oper-
25 ations, the nature and value of prizes and the fact of distribution of such prizes to the winners
26 thereof. The department may adopt internal financial and inventory control requirements under this
27 paragraph that are based on and commensurate with the size of a licensee's bingo, lotto, raffle or
28 Monte Carlo event operations.

29 (f) To regulate and establish maximum limits on income derived by licensees from bingo, lotto,
30 raffles or Monte Carlo events. However, in establishing limits, the department shall take into ac-
31 count:

32 (A) The nature, character and scope of the activities of the licensee;

33 (B) The sources of other income to the licensee; and

34 (C) The percentage or extent to which income derived from bingo, lotto, raffles or Monte Carlo
35 events is used for charitable purposes, as distinguished from nonprofit purposes other than charity.

36 (g) To regulate the manner of operation of bingo, lotto and raffle games and Monte Carlo events
37 conducted by licensees, including the approval of which games may be played and the equipment to
38 be used. The department shall regulate the types of equipment, rules and methods of play to ensure
39 the integrity and fairness of the games.

40 (h) To cooperate with state and local law enforcement agencies in investigating matters within
41 the scope of the department's duties and responsibilities.

42 (i) To establish maximum limits on compensation paid to persons employed by charitable,
43 fraternal or religious licensees, for the purpose of conducting licensed games, not to exceed 200
44 percent of the [*federal minimum wage standard*] **applicable Oregon minimum wage rate under**
45 **ORS 653.025**, or, for a person who supervises a bingo, lotto, raffle or Monte Carlo event operation

1 for a charitable, fraternal or religious organization and is subject to the limitations of ORS 464.340,
 2 300 percent of the [*federal minimum wage standard*] **applicable Oregon minimum wage rate under**
 3 **ORS 653.025**, and to establish maximum limits for other expenses connected with such operations.
 4 In establishing these limits, the department shall consider the amount of income received, or ex-
 5 pected to be received, by the organization from the bingo, lotto, raffle, Monte Carlo events, con-
 6 cessions and other related operations and the amount of money the operation could generate for the
 7 organization's purposes absent such expenses. The department may also take into account other
 8 factors, including but not limited to whether charitable purposes are benefited by the activities.

9 (2) The department may not require a person working as a volunteer in a bingo, lotto, raffle or
 10 Monte Carlo event operation conducted by a bona fide charitable, fraternal or religious organization
 11 to obtain a permit for such work if the person does not receive compensation of any kind from the
 12 organization, other than reimbursement for actual or reasonable expenses, or have any managerial
 13 or supervisory responsibility in connection with it. The department may require that bingo, lotto,
 14 raffle and Monte Carlo event operators employing unlicensed volunteers submit to the department
 15 periodically the names, addresses and dates of birth of the volunteers. The department may adopt
 16 reasonable character standards for volunteers, and if a volunteer does not meet the standards, the
 17 department may require that the licensee not allow the volunteer to work for the licensee.

18 (3) Subject to ORS 167.118, the department [*by rule*] may establish **by rule** value limits for prizes
 19 awarded at bingo, lotto or raffle games or Monte Carlo events and may regulate or prohibit the
 20 giving to patrons of any other thing of value to promote attendance at the games.

21 (4) The department [*by rule*] may establish **by rule** a maximum amount that a person may wager
 22 at a Monte Carlo event.

23 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 464.250 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to com-**
 24 **penation for events held on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**