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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4064 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-89

At present, under the Traxler-McCauley-Law-Bowman Bingo Act, a qualified organization may sell charity game tickets and conduct a charity game in conjunction with a licensed bingo game or millionaire party without obtaining an additional license. The bill would amend the act to allow the commissioner of the state lottery to sell a special charity game license to a qualified organization that would allow a charity game to be conducted independent of a bingo game or millionaire party. If the qualified organization held a liquor license, the commissioner could issue a special charity game license for the sale of charity game tickets during the hours stated on the liquor license. Under the bill, gambling events regulated by the act could not be conducted nor advertised as an inducement to another to vote in any election (this provision would not apply to candidate committees, as defined under the campaign finance act).

The bill would also amend the act to provide for an expiration date of February 28, 1990, for bingo licenses issued after February 28, 1989, but before March 1, 1990, and to require the commissioner to establish a program that would distribute license expiration dates evenly throughout the year. Until this were accomplished, fees for licenses -- which cost \$150 per year -- issued for periods other than one year would be cost \$12.50 for each full or partial month remaining until the license expired. After license expiration dates were distributed evenly, licenses could be renewed for one year each.

At present, under the act, licenses for millionaire parties may be renewed annually, and only one license may be held. The licenses may be purchased for either a two-nonconsecutive day period, for a fee of \$50 for each day, or for a three-consecutive day period, for a \$100 fee. Current law also specifies that a millionaire party may not exceed 24 hours in a two-nonconsecutive day period, or 72 hours in a three-consecutive day period. Applicants are eligible for two 24-hour licenses or one 72-hour license per year. The bill would amend these provisions to allow licenses to be purchased for either four nonconsecutive days at a fee of \$50 per day, or for a three-consecutive day period, with a fee of \$100. The duration of the event would be listed on the license, and applicants would be eligible for four one-day licenses or one three-day license per licensing period beginning March 1 and ending the last day of February. The bill would also amend the act to raise from \$2,000 to \$3,000 the aggregate value of prizes that may be awarded in one day of a millionaire party.

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