

# HOUSE BILL No. 5826

February 27, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Meadows, Miller, Hammel, LeBlanc, Clemente, Griffin, Alma Smith, Coulouris, Vagnozzi, Constan, Bauer, Lahti, Lindberg, Clack, Donigan, Johnson, Condino, Hammon, McDowell, Bieda and Jackson and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 382, entitled  
"Traxler-McCauley-Law-Bowman bingo act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 432.103), as amended by 2006 PA 427.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 3. (1) "Educational organization" means an organization  
2       within this state that is organized not for pecuniary profit, whose  
3       primary purpose is educational in nature and designed to develop  
4       the capabilities of individuals by instruction in any public or  
5       private elementary or secondary school that complies with the  
6       revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or any  
7       private or public college or university that is organized not for  
8       pecuniary profit and that is approved by the state board of  
9       education.

1           (2) "Fraternal organization" means an organization within this  
2 state, except a college fraternity or sorority, that is organized  
3 not for pecuniary profit; that is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a  
4 national or state organization; and that exists for the common  
5 purpose, brotherhood, or other interests of its members.

6           (3) "Licensee" means a person or qualified organization  
7 licensed under this act.

8           (4) "Member" means an individual who qualified for membership  
9 in a qualified organization under its bylaws, articles of  
10 incorporation, charter, rules, or other written statement.

11           (5) "Person" means a natural person, firm, association,  
12 corporation, or other legal entity.

13           (6) "Qualified organization" means a bona fide religious,  
14 educational, service, senior citizens, fraternal, or veterans'  
15 organization that operates without profit to its members and that  
16 either has been in existence continuously as an organization for a  
17 period of 5 years or is exempt from taxation under 26 USC 501(c).  
18 Qualified organization does not include a candidate committee,  
19 political committee, ~~political party committee~~, ballot question  
20 committee, **OR** independent committee, ~~or any other committee~~ as  
21 defined by, and organized under, the Michigan campaign finance act,  
22 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.201 to 169.282.

23           (7) "Religious organization" means any of the following:

24           (a) An organization, church, body of communicants, or group  
25 that is organized not for pecuniary profit and that gathers in  
26 common membership for mutual support and edification in piety,  
27 worship, and religious observances.

1 (b) A society of individuals that is organized not for  
2 pecuniary profit and that unites for religious purposes at a  
3 definite place.

4 (c) A church related private school that is organized not for  
5 pecuniary profit.

6 (8) "Senior citizens organization" means an organization  
7 within this state that is organized not for pecuniary profit, that  
8 consists of at least 15 members who are 60 years of age or older,  
9 and that exists for their mutual support and for the advancement of  
10 the causes of elderly or retired persons.

11 (9) "Service organization" means either of the following:

12 (a) A branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or state  
13 organization that is organized not for pecuniary profit and that is  
14 authorized by its written constitution, charter, articles of  
15 incorporation, or bylaws to engage in a fraternal, civic, or  
16 service purpose within the state.

17 (b) A local civic organization that is organized not for  
18 pecuniary profit; that is not affiliated with a state or national  
19 organization; that is recognized by resolution adopted by the local  
20 governmental subdivision in which the organization conducts its  
21 principal activities; whose constitution, charter, articles of  
22 incorporation, or bylaws contain a provision for the perpetuation  
23 of the organization as a nonprofit organization; whose entire  
24 assets are used for charitable purposes; and whose constitution,  
25 charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws contain a provision  
26 that all assets, real property, and personal property shall revert  
27 to the benefit of the local governmental subdivision that granted

1 the resolution upon dissolution of the organization.

2 (10) "Veterans' organization" means an organization within  
3 this state, or a branch, lodge, or chapter within this state of a  
4 state organization or of a national organization chartered by the  
5 congress of the United States, that is organized not for pecuniary  
6 profit, the membership of which consists of individuals who were  
7 members of the armed services or forces of the United States.