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Senate Bill 108 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.  
Committee: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Bingo Act to specify that the definition of "veterans' organization" would include an auxiliary of a nationally chartered veterans' organization.

Under the Act, the State Lottery Commissioner may issue any of various charitable gaming licenses to an applicant that is a "qualified organization", is not ineligible under the Act, and has paid the appropriate fee to the Lottery Bureau. The Act's definition of "qualified organization" includes a veterans' organization that operates without profit to its members and that either has been in existence continuously as an organization for five years or is tax-exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. "Veterans' organization" means an organization within Michigan, or a branch, lodge, or chapter within Michigan of a State organization or of a national organization chartered by Congress, that is organized not for pecuniary profit, whose membership consists of individuals who were members of the Armed Services or Armed Forces of the United States.

Under the bill, "veterans' organization" also would include an auxiliary of a veterans' organization that is a national organization chartered by Congress.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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