



# HOUSE BILL 1064: GSC Clarifying Bingo License Statute.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2020-72 clarifies the bingo license statute, updates references to conform to the current organization of the Department of Public Safety, and expands instances that constitute good cause for a continuance in a civil or criminal action. This act has various effective dates. Please see the full summary for more detail.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of this act includes a recommendation from the General Statutes Commission to clarify the bingo license statute by (i) replacing legalese with plain English, (ii) eliminating technically unnecessary language, (iii) making technical amendments to conform to this State's drafting conventions, (iv) making stylistic changes to improve readability, (v) adding commas, and (vi) rephrasing unclear language. Section 1 also replaces references to the State Bureau of Investigation with references to the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division to conform to the current organization of the Department of Public Safety. Part I of S.L. 2019-203 relocated the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch of the State Bureau of Investigation as a division of the Department of Public Safety. The Alcohol Law Enforcement Division is the licensing agency for organizations conducting bingo games and beach bingo games.

Section 2 of this act provides that good cause for a continuance in a civil or criminal action includes any service carrying out any duties as a member of the General Assembly and expands good cause to also include service on any other board, commission, or authority as an appointee of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or General Assembly.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 1 of this act became effective October 1, 2020, and applies to applications submitted on or after that date. Section 2 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2020. The rest of the act was effective when the act became law on July 1, 2020.

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