



HOUSE BILL 801: Game Nights/Residential Centers.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 801 would allow tax-exempt organizations that operate a specialized community residential center for individuals with developmental disabilities to conduct game nights at a location other than a qualified facility if specific conditions are met.*

CURRENT LAW: Part 4 to Article 37 of Chapter 14 allows charitable organizations and some employers to conduct a game night where games of chance are played, and prizes are awarded by raffle. Game nights may only be held at "qualified facilities" that hold one of the following alcohol permits: on-premises malt-beverage, on-premises unfortified wine, on-premises fortified wine, or mixed beverage permit.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 801 would allow organizations who meet all the following requirements to have game nights at a location that is not a qualified facility:

- Are a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Operate a specialized community residential center for individuals with developmental disabilities licensed pursuant to G.S. 122C-23.
- Have been issued a special one-time permit under G.S. 18B-1002(a)(5). The fee for any special one-time permit is \$50. G.S. 18B-902(d)(27).

The bill would also require the location of the facility at which the event will be held to be included in the application for the game night permit and make technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective July 1, 2021, and apply to game nights conducted on or after that date.

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