CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION

SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

ASSISTANCE TO BINGO PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES
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TITLE 4. BUSINESS REGULATIONS.
DIVISION 18. CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION.

CHAPTER 8. BINGO.

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS.

§ 12482. Assistance to Bingo Players with Disabilities.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (6) of subdivision (p) of section 326.5 of the Penal Code, the following requirements are established as means by which the operator of a bingo game shall, as required by applicable law, offer assistance to players with disabilities:

(1) For players with disabilities consistent with definitions set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), when those disabilities would restrict the players' ability to mark cards:

(A) The operator of a bingo game shall reserve at least two card-minding devices, approved pursuant to Section 12486, for use by disabled players. If there are no requests for use of the reserved card-minding devices prior to fifteen minutes before the scheduled start of a session, the reserved devices may be made available for use by any player.

(B) If the operator of a bingo game, or any other person involved in the conduct of a bingo game, charges players a fee for the use of card-minding devices, players with disabilities as described in paragraph (1) shall not be required to pay that fee or to comply with a minimum purchase requirement imposed on players utilizing card-minding devices, if any.

(C) The operator of a bingo game shall allow players with disabilities as described in paragraph (1) to claim prizes by presenting a print out of a winning card from a card-minding device, or other evidence of a winning card approved by the Commission.

(2) For players with disabilities consistent with definitions set forth in the ADA, when those disabilities would restrict the players' ability to verbally announce "BINGO," the operator of a bingo game shall allow those players to utilize a form of visual or audible signaling to notify the

operator of a winning pattern or "bingo," which may include a flag, paddle, light, horn, bell or whistle, or other means approved by the Commission.

(3) For players with disabilities consistent with definitions set forth in the ADA, when those disabilities would restrict the players' ability to mark cards, or to announce "BINGO," the operator of a bingo game shall allow another individual to assist the disabled players in the play of bingo. The assisting individual shall not be counted towards the 750-player maximum applicable to remote caller bingo as provided in subdivision (i) of section 326.3 of the Penal Code.

(b) Organizations that, as of the effective date of this section, are not utilizing card-minding devices in the operation of bingo games shall comply with the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) within six months of the effective date of this section.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 19840, 19850.5, and 19850.6, Business and Professions Code; Sections 326.3, 326.4, and 326.5, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 19840, 19850.5, and 19850.6, Business and Professions Code; Sections 326.3, 326.4, and 326.5, Penal Code.

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