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SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

SB 19, relative to bingo dates.

Ways and Means: OTP

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases the permitted number of game dates of bingo allowed for licensees each month and within each calendar year.

- With the exception of a role to address fraud, the state should have no role in regulating bingo games that people consent to participate in. If the state is to be engaged in it though, it should increase the number of licenses allowed.
- An improvement would be to remove the licensing system for bingo games altogether, or to increase the amount of licenses such that the number of licenses that could be obtained is essentially unlimited.
- Bingo is disproportionately played by the elderly community; allowing for more bingo will encourage the retirement community in NH to flourish and promote more prosperity and happiness in NH.

SB 19

YEA OTP

SB 119, relative to criminal background checks for charitable games of chance license applicants.

Ways and Means: OTP

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill exempts members of charitable organizations who do not participate directly in the operation of games of chance from background and criminal records checks.

- This bill enhances access for people to charitable organizations by reducing the barrier to entry.
- Reducing this unnecessary restriction allows for those who may not pass a background check to participate in charitable organizations, which may provide a rehabilitative opportunity.

SB 119

YEA OTP

SB 192, relative to the hours that Lucky 7 tickets may be sold.

Ways and Means: OTP/A

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows Lucky 7 tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games to be sold starting at 8 a.m. instead of noon.

- Charitable organizations should be free to run fundraising events at any time they choose. This bill slightly relaxes state-imposed restrictions.
- The NH lottery allows for online gambling 24 hours a day. The state should not use its monopoly to restrict the actions of charitable organizations further than restrictions that it imposes on itself.

SB 192

YEA OTP/A