# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §47-20-3

**§47-20-3. Who may hold bingo games; application for license; licenses not transferable.**

Any charitable or public service organization which has been in existence in this state two years prior to filing an application for a bingo license issued pursuant to section four or five of this article may hold bingo occasions in accordance with the provisions of this article during the time it holds a valid license.

Application for a bingo license shall be made to the Tax Commissioner and shall be on a form which shall be supplied by him or her. The application shall contain the information required by section seven of this article and any other information which the commissioner considers necessary. An application shall be filed not less than sixty days before the date when the applicant intends to hold its first bingo occasion. No bingo occasion may be held until an application filed in accordance with this article has been approved by the Tax Commissioner, and the bingo license has been received: Provided, That under no circumstances may a licensee organization conduct a bingo occasion before the sixty day filing period between the filing of the application and date of the first bingo occasion has elapsed: Provided, however, That the date the application is received by the Tax Commissioner shall begin the sixty day filing period. The Tax Commissioner shall send the applicant its license within five days after approval of the bingo application. If the filing period has elapsed, and the application has not been denied by the Tax Commissioner, and the license has not been received by the applicant, the applicant may consider the application approved and begin to hold bingo occasions. The Tax Commissioner shall send a bingo license to the applicant within five days after the expiration of the filing period if the application has not been otherwise denied.

No bingo license issued pursuant to this article may be transferred.

WV Legislature