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Opinion No. 75-228

Mr. Bernard N. Hayen, Jr.  
County Clerk of Coffey County  
Burlington, Kansas 66839

Dear Mr. Hayen:

You have asked whether the senior citizens center in your city may be licensed to play bingo, even though they have not been in existence for more than 5 years and they do not have any affiliation with an established state or national group or organization.

Under Section 3(c) of Senate Bill No. 116, the bingo law, it is stated that:

"[N]o license shall be issued to any organization under the provisions of this act which has not been in existence continuously for a period of five years immediately preceding the date of making application for a license and in the case of fraternal and veterans' organizations which have not had during such entire five-year period a dues-paying membership in Kansas engaged in carrying out its object. Such five-year requirement shall not apply to a local organization which is affiliated with and chartered by a national organization which meets this five-year requirement."

As you can see, your group does not meet these qualifications, and therefore would not be able to be licensed.

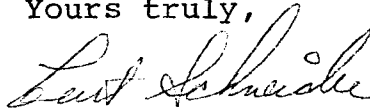
You have further asked whether another fraternal organization may "front" for the senior citizens center. Section 6(b) of Senate Bill No. 116 states:

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"No person except a bona fide member of the sponsoring organization may participate in the management or operation of the game."

We hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Curt Schneider".

CURT T. SCHNEIDER  
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