

237.40 UNLICENSED OPERATION OF A BEACH BINGO GAME.
MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with the unlicensed operation of a beach bingo game.

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove three things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, that on or about the alleged date, the defendant operated a beach bingo game¹ within the state of North Carolina.

Second, that defendant did not first obtain a license to operate a beach bingo game from the State Bureau of Investigation².

And Third, that the defendant did so knowingly.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, that the defendant knowingly operated a beach bingo game within the state of North Carolina without first obtaining a license from the State Bureau of Investigation, then it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

¹ N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-309.6(2) defines a "beach bingo game" as a specific game of chance played with individual cards having numbered squares ranging from one to 75, in which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated numbers on such cards conforming to a predetermined pattern of numbers (but shall not include "instant bingo" which is a game of chance played by the selection of one or more prepackaged cards, with winners determined by the appearance of a preselected designation on the card).

² N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-309.14(5)(a) defines the process of obtaining a license to operate a beach bingo game within the State of North Carolina.