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A BILL

To amend section 2915.101 of the Revised Code to
reduce the amount a veteran's, fraternal, or
sporting organization conducting instant bingo
is required to donate to a public charity or
governmental unit.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2915.101 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2915.101. Except as otherwise provided by law, a
charitable organization that conducts instant bingo shall
distribute the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of
instant bingo as follows:

(A) (1) If a veteran's organization, a fraternal
organization, or a sporting organization conducted the instant
bingo, the organization shall distribute the net profit from the
proceeds of the sale of instant bingo, as follows:

(a) For the first one hundred thousand dollars, the
organization is not required to make a distribution.

(b) For the first more than one hundred thousand dollars 18
to not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, 19
greater amount prescribed by the attorney general to adjust for 20
changes in prices as measured by the consumer price index as 21
defined in section 325.18 of the Revised Code and other factors 22
affecting the organization's expenses, as defined in division 23
(GG) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, or less of net 24
profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo generated 25
in a calendar year: 26

(i) At least ~~twenty-five~~ ten per cent shall be distributed 27
to an organization described in division (V)(1) of section 28
2915.01 of the Revised Code or to a department or agency of the 29
federal government, the state, or any political subdivision. 30

(ii) Not more than ~~seventy-five~~ ninety per cent may be 31
deducted and retained by the organization for reimbursement of 32
or for the organization's expenses, as defined in division (GG) 33
of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, in conducting the 34
instant bingo game. 35

~~(b)~~ (c) For any net profit from the proceeds of the sale 36
of instant bingo of more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars 37
or an adjusted amount generated in a calendar year: 38

(i) A minimum of fifty per cent shall be distributed to an 39
organization described in division (V)(1) of section 2915.01 of 40
the Revised Code or to a department or agency of the federal 41
government, the state, or any political subdivision. 42

(ii) Five per cent may be distributed for the 43
organization's own charitable purposes or to a community action 44
agency. 45

(iii) Forty-five per cent may be deducted and retained by 46

the organization for reimbursement of or for the organization's 47
expenses, as defined in division (GG) of section 2915.01 of the 48
Revised Code, in conducting the instant bingo game. 49

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(2) If a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, 51
or a sporting organization does not distribute the full 52
percentages specified in divisions (A) (1) ~~(a)~~ (b) and ~~(b)~~ (c) of 53
this section for the purposes specified in those divisions, the 54
organization shall distribute the balance of the net profit from 55
the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo not distributed or 56
retained for those purposes to an organization described in 57
division (V) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code. 58

(B) If a charitable organization other than a veteran's 59
organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting 60
organization conducted the instant bingo, the organization shall 61
distribute one hundred per cent of the net profit from the 62
proceeds of the sale of instant bingo to an organization 63
described in division (V) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised 64
Code or to a department or agency of the federal government, the 65
state, or any political subdivision. 66

(C) Nothing in this section prohibits a veteran's 67
organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting 68
organization from distributing any net profit from the proceeds 69
of the sale of instant bingo to an organization that is 70
described in subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 71
when the organization that is described in subsection 501(c) (3) 72
of the Internal Revenue Code is one that makes donations to 73
other organizations and permits donors to advise or direct such 74
donations so long as the donations comply with requirements 75
established in or pursuant to subsection 501(c) (3) of the 76

Internal Revenue Code. 77

Section 2. That existing section 2915.101 of the Revised 78
Code is hereby repealed. 79