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To amend sections 109.32, 2915.01, 2915.07,
2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.092, 2915.10,
2915.101, and 2915.14; to amend, for the purpose
of adopting a new section number as indicated in
parentheses, section 2915.092 (2915.16); and to
enact sections 2915.17 and 2915.18 of the
Revised Code to authorize online raffles and
make related changes to the Charitable Gaming
Law and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That sections 109.32, 2915.01, 2915.07,
2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.092, 2915.10, 2915.101, and
2915.14 be amended; section 2915.092 (2915.16) be amended for
the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in
parentheses; and sections 2915.17 and 2915.18 of the Revised
Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 109.32. (A) All annual filing fees obtained by the
attorney general pursuant to section 109.31 of the Revised Code,
all receipts obtained from the sale of the charitable
foundations directory, all registration fees received by the



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attorney general, bond forfeitures, awards of costs and 20
attorney's fees, and civil penalties assessed under Chapter 21
1716. of the Revised Code, all license fees received by the 22
attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of 23
the Revised Code, all fees received by the attorney general 24
under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code, all license fees 25
received by the attorney general under section 2915.17 of the 26
Revised Code, and all filing fees received by the attorney 27
general under divisions (F) and (G) of section 2915.02 of the 28
Revised Code, shall be paid into the state treasury to the 29
credit of the charitable law fund. 30

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) (2) 31
and (3) of this section, the charitable law fund shall be used 32
insofar as its moneys are available for the expenses of the 33
charitable law section of the office of the attorney general. 34

(2) All annual license fees that are received by the 35
attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of 36
the Revised Code, all license fees received by the attorney 37
general under section 2915.17 of the Revised Code, and all 38
filing fees received by the attorney general under divisions (F) 39
and (G) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code, that are 40
credited to the fund shall be used by the attorney general, or 41
any law enforcement agency in cooperation with the attorney 42
general, for the purposes specified in division (H) of section 43
2915.10 of the Revised Code and to administer and enforce 44
Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code. 45

(3) All fees received by the attorney general under 46
section 2915.15 of the Revised Code that are credited to the 47
fund shall be used for the purposes specified in that section. 48

(C) The expenses of the charitable law section in excess 49

of moneys available in the charitable law fund shall be paid out 50
of regular appropriations to the office of the attorney general. 51

Sec. 2915.01. As used in this chapter: 52

(A) "Bookmaking" means the business of receiving or paying 53
off bets. 54

(B) "Bet" means the hazarding of anything of value upon 55
the result of an event, undertaking, or contingency, but does 56
not include a bona fide business risk. 57

(C) "Scheme of chance" means a slot machine unless 58
authorized under Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code, lottery 59
unless authorized under Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code, 60
numbers game, pool conducted for profit, or other scheme in 61
which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance 62
to win a prize, but does not include bingo, a skill-based 63
amusement machine, or a pool not conducted for profit. "Scheme 64
of chance" includes the use of an electronic device to reveal 65
the results of a game entry if valuable consideration is paid, 66
directly or indirectly, for a chance to win a prize. Valuable 67
consideration is deemed to be paid for a chance to win a prize 68
in the following instances: 69

(1) Less than fifty per cent of the goods or services sold 70
by a scheme of chance operator in exchange for game entries are 71
used or redeemed by participants at any one location; 72

(2) Less than fifty per cent of participants who purchase 73
goods or services at any one location do not accept, use, or 74
redeem the goods or services sold or purportedly sold; 75

(3) More than fifty per cent of prizes at any one location 76
are revealed to participants through an electronic device 77
simulating a game of chance or a "casino game" as defined in 78

section 3772.01 of the Revised Code; 79

(4) The good or service sold by a scheme of chance 80
operator in exchange for a game entry cannot be used or redeemed 81
in the manner advertised; 82

(5) A participant pays more than fair market value for 83
goods or services offered by a scheme of chance operator in 84
order to receive one or more game entries; 85

(6) A participant may use the electronic device to 86
purchase additional game entries; 87

(7) A participant may purchase additional game entries by 88
using points or credits won as prizes while using the electronic 89
device; 90

(8) A scheme of chance operator pays out in prize money 91
more than twenty per cent of the gross revenue received at one 92
location; or 93

(9) A participant makes a purchase or exchange in order to 94
obtain any good or service that may be used to facilitate play 95
on the electronic device. 96

As used in this division, "electronic device" means a 97
mechanical, video, digital, or electronic machine or device that 98
is capable of displaying information on a screen or other 99
mechanism and that is owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by 100
any person conducting a scheme of chance, or by that person's 101
partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, or contractors. "Electronic 102
device" does not include ~~an electronic instant bingo system~~ a 103
machine or device that is used to conduct bingo in accordance 104
with this chapter. 105

(D) "Game of chance" means poker, craps, roulette, or 106

other game in which a player gives anything of value in the hope 107
of gain, the outcome of which is determined largely by chance, 108
but does not include bingo. 109

(E) "Game of chance conducted for profit" means any game 110
of chance designed to produce income for the person who conducts 111
or operates the game of chance, but does not include bingo. 112

(F) "Gambling device" means any of the following: 113

(1) A book, totalizer, or other equipment for recording 114
bets; 115

(2) A ticket, token, or other device representing a 116
chance, share, or interest in a scheme of chance or evidencing a 117
bet; 118

(3) A deck of cards, dice, gaming table, roulette wheel, 119
slot machine, or other apparatus designed for use in connection 120
with a game of chance; 121

(4) Any equipment, device, apparatus, or paraphernalia 122
specially designed for gambling purposes; 123

(5) Bingo supplies sold or otherwise provided, or used, in 124
violation of this chapter. 125

(G) "Gambling offense" means any of the following: 126

(1) A violation of this chapter; 127

(2) A violation of an existing or former municipal 128
ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States 129
substantially equivalent to any provision of this chapter or a 130
violation of section 2915.06 of the Revised Code as it existed 131
prior to July 1, 1996; 132

(3) An offense under an existing or former municipal 133

ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United 134
States, of which gambling is an element; 135

(4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in 136
committing, any offense under division (G) (1), (2), or (3) of 137
this section. 138

(H) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, 139
"charitable organization" means either of the following: 140

(1) An organization that is exempt from federal income 141
taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 142
501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; 143

(2) A volunteer rescue service organization, volunteer 144
firefighter's organization, veteran's organization, fraternal 145
organization, or sporting organization that is exempt from 146
federal income taxation under subsection 501(c) (4), (c) (7), (c) 147
(8), (c) (10), or (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code. 148

To qualify as a "charitable organization," an organization 149
shall have been in continuous existence as such in this state 150
for a period of two years immediately preceding either the 151
making of an application for a bingo license under section 152
2915.08 of the Revised Code or the conducting of any game of 153
chance as provided in division (D) of section 2915.02 of the 154
Revised Code. 155

(I) "Religious organization" means any church, body of 156
communicants, or group that is not organized or operated for 157
profit and that gathers in common membership for regular worship 158
and religious observances. 159

(J) "Veteran's organization" means any individual post or 160
state headquarters of a national veteran's association or an 161
auxiliary unit of any individual post of a national veteran's 162

association, which post, state headquarters, or auxiliary unit 163
is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation and either has 164
received a letter from the state headquarters of the national 165
veteran's association indicating that the individual post or 166
auxiliary unit is in good standing with the national veteran's 167
association or has received a letter from the national veteran's 168
association indicating that the state headquarters is in good 169
standing with the national veteran's association. As used in 170
this division, "national veteran's association" means any 171
veteran's association that has been in continuous existence as 172
such for a period of at least five years and either is 173
incorporated by an act of the United States congress or has a 174
national dues-paying membership of at least five thousand 175
persons. 176

(K) "Volunteer firefighter's organization" means any 177
organization of volunteer firefighters, as defined in section 178
146.01 of the Revised Code, that is organized and operated 179
exclusively to provide financial support for a volunteer fire 180
department or a volunteer fire company and that is recognized or 181
ratified by a county, municipal corporation, ~~or~~ township, or 182
district. 183

(L) "Fraternal organization" means any society, order, 184
state headquarters, or association within this state, except a 185
college or high school fraternity, that is not organized for 186
profit, that is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or 187
state organization, that exists exclusively for the common 188
business or sodality of its members. 189

(M) "Volunteer rescue service organization" means any 190
organization of volunteers organized to function as an emergency 191
medical service organization, as defined in section 4765.01 of 192

the Revised Code. 193

(N) "Charitable bingo game" means any bingo game described 194
in division (O) (1) or (2) of this section that is conducted by a 195
charitable organization that has obtained a license pursuant to 196
section 2915.08 of the Revised Code and the proceeds of which 197
are used for a charitable purpose. 198

(O) "Bingo" means either of the following: 199

(1) A game with all of the following characteristics: 200

(a) The participants use bingo cards or sheets, including 201
paper formats and electronic representation or image formats, 202
that are divided into twenty-five spaces arranged in five 203
horizontal and five vertical rows of spaces, with each space, 204
except the central space, being designated by a combination of a 205
letter and a number and with the central space being designated 206
as a free space. 207

(b) The participants cover the spaces on the bingo cards 208
or sheets that correspond to combinations of letters and numbers 209
that are announced by a bingo game operator. 210

(c) A bingo game operator announces combinations of 211
letters and numbers that appear on objects that a bingo game 212
operator selects by chance, either manually or mechanically, 213
from a receptacle that contains seventy-five objects at the 214
beginning of each game, each object marked by a different 215
combination of a letter and a number that corresponds to one of 216
the seventy-five possible combinations of a letter and a number 217
that can appear on the bingo cards or sheets. 218

(d) The winner of the bingo game includes any participant 219
who properly announces during the interval between the 220
announcements of letters and numbers as described in division 221

(O) (1) (c) of this section, that a predetermined and preannounced 222
pattern of spaces has been covered on a bingo card or sheet 223
being used by the participant. 224

(2) Instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, and raffles. 225

(P) "Conduct" means to back, promote, organize, manage, 226
carry on, sponsor, or prepare for the operation of bingo or a 227
game of chance, a scheme of chance, or a sweepstakes. 228

(Q) "Bingo game operator" means any person, except 229
security personnel, who performs work or labor at the site of 230
bingo, including, but not limited to, collecting money from 231
participants, handing out bingo cards or sheets or objects to 232
cover spaces on bingo cards or sheets, selecting from a 233
receptacle the objects that contain the combination of letters 234
and numbers that appear on bingo cards or sheets, calling out 235
the combinations of letters and numbers, distributing prizes, 236
selling or redeeming instant bingo tickets or cards, selling or 237
redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets, credits, or 238
vouchers, accessing an electronic instant bingo system other 239
than as a participant, supervising the operation of a punch 240
board, selling raffle tickets, selecting raffle tickets from a 241
receptacle and announcing the winning numbers in a raffle, and 242
preparing, selling, and serving food or beverages. "Bingo game 243
operator" does not include a person who is installing, 244
maintaining, updating, or repairing an electronic instant bingo 245
system or a person who operates an online raffle platform. 246

(R) "Participant" means any person who plays bingo. 247

(S) "Bingo session" means a period that includes both of 248
the following: 249

(1) Not to exceed five continuous hours for the conduct of 250

one or more games described in division (O) (1) of this section, 251
instant bingo, and electronic instant bingo; 252

(2) A period for the conduct of instant bingo and 253
electronic instant bingo for not more than two hours before and 254
not more than two hours after the period described in division 255
(S) (1) of this section. 256

(T) "Gross receipts" means all money or assets, including 257
admission fees, that a person receives from bingo without the 258
deduction of any amounts for prizes paid out or for the expenses 259
of conducting bingo. "Gross receipts" does not include any money 260
directly taken in from the sale of food or beverages by a 261
charitable organization conducting bingo, or by a bona fide 262
auxiliary unit or society of a charitable organization 263
conducting bingo, provided all of the following apply: 264

(1) The auxiliary unit or society has been in existence as 265
a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of the charitable 266
organization for at least two years prior to conducting bingo. 267

(2) The person who purchases the food or beverage receives 268
nothing of value except the food or beverage and items 269
customarily received with the purchase of that food or beverage. 270

(3) The food and beverages are sold at customary and 271
reasonable prices. 272

(U) "Security personnel" includes any person who either is 273
a sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, township 274
constable, or member of an organized police department of a 275
municipal corporation or has successfully completed a peace 276
officer's training course pursuant to sections 109.71 to 109.79 277
of the Revised Code and who is hired to provide security for the 278
premises on which bingo is conducted. 279

(V) "Charitable purpose" means that the net profit of 280
bingo, other than instant bingo or electronic instant bingo, is 281
used by, or is given, donated, or otherwise transferred to, any 282
of the following: 283

(1) Any organization that is described in subsection 284
509(a) (1), 509(a) (2), or 509(a) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 285
and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax 286
exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 287
501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; 288

(2) A veteran's organization that is a post, chapter, or 289
organization of veterans, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or 290
a trust or foundation for, any such post, chapter, or 291
organization organized in the United States or any of its 292
possessions, at least seventy-five per cent of the members of 293
which are veterans and substantially all of the other members of 294
which are individuals who are spouses, widows, or widowers of 295
veterans, or such individuals, provided that no part of the net 296
earnings of such post, chapter, or organization inures to the 297
benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and further 298
provided that the net profit is used by the post, chapter, or 299
organization for the charitable purposes set forth in division 300
(B) (12) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, is used for 301
awarding scholarships to or for attendance at an institution 302
mentioned in division (B) (12) of section 5739.02 of the Revised 303
Code, is donated to a governmental agency, or is used for 304
nonprofit youth activities, the purchase of United States or 305
Ohio flags that are donated to schools, youth groups, or other 306
bona fide nonprofit organizations, promotion of patriotism, or 307
disaster relief; 308

(3) A fraternal organization that has been in continuous 309

existence in this state for fifteen years and that uses the net 310
profit exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, 311
literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of 312
cruelty to children or animals, if contributions for such use 313
would qualify as a deductible charitable contribution under 314
subsection 170 of the Internal Revenue Code; 315

(4) A volunteer firefighter's organization that uses the 316
net profit for the purposes set forth in division (K) of this 317
section. 318

(W) "Internal Revenue Code" means the "Internal Revenue 319
Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as now or hereafter 320
amended. 321

(X) "Youth athletic organization" means any organization, 322
not organized for profit, that is organized and operated 323
exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate, 324
athletic activities for persons who are twenty-one years of age 325
or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or 326
contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league, 327
or association. 328

(Y) "Youth athletic park organization" means any 329
organization, not organized for profit, that satisfies both of 330
the following: 331

(1) It owns, operates, and maintains playing fields that 332
satisfy both of the following: 333

(a) The playing fields are used for athletic activities by 334
one or more organizations, not organized for profit, each of 335
which is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial 336
support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who 337
are eighteen years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, 338

organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an 339
athletic team, club, league, or association. 340

(b) The playing fields are not used for any profit-making 341
activity at any time during the year. 342

(2) It uses the proceeds of bingo it conducts exclusively 343
for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its playing 344
fields of the type described in division (Y)(1) of this section. 345

(Z) "Bingo supplies" means bingo cards or sheets; instant 346
bingo tickets or cards; electronic bingo aids; raffle tickets; 347
punch boards; seal cards; instant bingo ticket dispensers; 348
electronic instant bingo systems; online raffle platforms; and 349
devices for selecting or displaying the combination of bingo 350
letters and numbers or raffle tickets. Items that are "bingo 351
supplies" are not gambling devices if sold or otherwise 352
provided, and used, in accordance with this chapter. For 353
purposes of this chapter, "bingo supplies" are not to be 354
considered equipment used to conduct a bingo game. 355

(AA) "Instant bingo" means a form of bingo that shall use 356
folded or banded tickets or paper cards with perforated break- 357
open tabs, a face of which is covered or otherwise hidden from 358
view to conceal a number, letter, or symbol, or set of numbers, 359
letters, or symbols, some of which have been designated in 360
advance as prize winners, and may also include games in which 361
some winners are determined by the random selection of one or 362
more bingo numbers by the use of a seal card or bingo blower. 363
"Instant bingo" also includes a punch board game. In all 364
"instant bingo" the prize amount and structure shall be 365
predetermined. "Instant bingo" does not include electronic 366
instant bingo or any device that is activated by the insertion 367
of a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent, and that contains 368

as one of its components a video display monitor that is capable
of displaying numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in
winning or losing combinations.

(BB) "Seal card" means a form of instant bingo that uses
instant bingo tickets in conjunction with a board or placard
that contains one or more seals that, when removed or opened,
reveal predesignated winning numbers, letters, or symbols.

~~(CC)~~ (CC) (1) "Raffle" means a form of bingo in which the
one or more prizes are won by one or more persons who have
purchased a raffle ticket. The A raffle is conducted by one of
the following methods:

(a) As a "traditional raffle," which means a raffle
conducted by selling physical tickets to participants, then
determining one or more winners of the raffle ~~are determined by~~
drawing a ticket stub or other detachable section from a
receptacle containing ticket stubs or detachable sections
corresponding to all tickets sold for the raffle. "Raffle"

(b) As an "online raffle," which means a raffle conducted
by selling electronic representations of tickets to
participants, with each ticket containing a unique identifier,
then determining one or more winners of the raffle by randomly
selecting a unique ticket identifier from all tickets sold for
the raffle. "Online raffle" includes a raffle that is conducted
by selling both physical tickets and electronic representations
of tickets for the same drawing.

(2) "Online raffle platform" means an internet web site,
application, or electronic service, along with any associated
equipment or software, that is created, or offered for use, for
the specific purpose of conducting an online raffle and that

determines one or more winners of the raffle. 398

(3) "Raffle" does not include the ~~drawing selection~~ of a 399
ticket ~~stub or other detachable section of a ticket~~ purchased to 400
attend a professional sporting event if both of the following 401
apply: 402

~~(1)~~ (a) The ticket or ticket identifier ~~stub or other~~ 403
~~detachable section~~ is used to select the winner of a free prize 404
given away at the professional sporting event; and 405

~~(2)~~ (b) The cost of the ticket is the same as the cost of 406
a ticket to the professional sporting event on days when no free 407
prize is given away. 408

(DD) "Punch board" means a form of instant bingo that uses 409
a board containing a number of holes or receptacles of uniform 410
size in which are placed, mechanically and randomly, serially 411
numbered slips of paper that may be punched or drawn from the 412
hole or receptacle. A player may punch or draw the numbered 413
slips of paper from the holes or receptacles and obtain the 414
prize established for the game if the number drawn corresponds 415
to a winning number or, if the punch board includes the use of a 416
seal card, a potential winning number. 417

(EE) "Gross profit" means gross receipts minus the amount 418
actually expended for the payment of prize awards. 419

(FF) "Net profit" means gross profit minus expenses. 420

(GG) "Expenses" means the reasonable amount of gross 421
profit actually expended for all of the following: 422

(1) The purchase or lease of bingo supplies; 423

(2) The annual license fee required under section 2915.08_ 424
or 2915.16 of the Revised Code; 425

(3) Bank fees and service charges for a bingo session or game account described in section 2915.10 of the Revised Code;	426 427
(4) Audits and accounting services;	428
(5) Safes;	429
(6) Cash registers;	430
(7) Hiring security personnel;	431
(8) Advertising bingo;	432
(9) Renting premises in which to conduct a bingo session;	433
(10) Tables and chairs;	434
(11) Expenses for maintaining and operating a charitable organization's facilities, including, but not limited to, a post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen and any grounds attached to the post home, club house, lounge, tavern, or canteen;	435 436 437 438 439
(12) Payment of real property taxes and assessments that are levied on a premises on which bingo is conducted;	440 441
(13) Any other product or service directly related to the conduct of bingo that is authorized in rules adopted by the attorney general under division (F)(1) of section 2915.08 of the Revised Code.	442 443 444 445
(HH) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code and includes any firm or any other legal entity, however organized.	446 447 448
(II) "Revoke" means to void permanently all rights and privileges of the holder of a license issued under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code or a charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.	449 450 451 452

(JJ) "Suspend" means to interrupt temporarily all rights 453
and privileges of the holder of a license issued under section 454
2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code or a 455
charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction. 456

(KK) "Distributor" means any person who purchases or 457
obtains bingo supplies and who does either of the following: 458

(1) Sells, offers for sale, or otherwise provides or 459
offers to provide the bingo supplies to another person for use 460
in this state; 461

(2) Modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts from the 462
bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale for use in 463
this state. 464

(LL) "Manufacturer" means any person who assembles 465
completed bingo supplies from raw materials, other items, or 466
subparts or who modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts 467
from bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale. 468

(MM) "Gross annual revenues" means the annual gross 469
receipts derived from the conduct of bingo described in division 470
(O) (1) of this section plus the annual net profit derived from 471
the conduct of bingo described in division (O) (2) of this 472
section. 473

(NN) "Instant bingo ticket dispenser" means a mechanical 474
device that dispenses an instant bingo ticket or card as the 475
sole item of value dispensed and that has the following 476
characteristics: 477

(1) It is activated upon the insertion of United States 478
currency. 479

(2) It performs no gaming functions. 480

(3) It does not contain a video display monitor or 481
generate noise. 482

(4) It is not capable of displaying any numbers, letters, 483
symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations. 484

(5) It does not simulate or display rolling or spinning 485
reels. 486

(6) It is incapable of determining whether a dispensed 487
bingo ticket or card is a winning or nonwinning ticket or card 488
and requires a winning ticket or card to be paid by a bingo game 489
operator. 490

(7) It may provide accounting and security features to aid 491
in accounting for the instant bingo tickets or cards it 492
dispenses. 493

(8) It is not part of an electronic network and is not 494
interactive. 495

(OO) (1) "Electronic bingo aid" means an electronic device 496
used by a participant to monitor bingo cards or sheets purchased 497
at the time and place of a bingo session and that does all of 498
the following: 499

(a) It provides a means for a participant to input numbers 500
and letters announced by a bingo caller. 501

(b) It compares the numbers and letters entered by the 502
participant to the bingo faces previously stored in the memory 503
of the device. 504

(c) It identifies a winning bingo pattern. 505

(2) "Electronic bingo aid" does not include any device 506
into which a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent is inserted 507

to activate play. 508

(PP) "Deal" means a single game of instant bingo tickets, 509
or a single game of electronic instant bingo tickets, all with 510
the same serial number. 511

(QQ) (1) "Slot machine" means either of the following: 512

(a) Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device 513
that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or 514
indirectly, from or on behalf of a player who gives the thing of 515
value in the hope of gain; 516

(b) Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device 517
that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or 518
indirectly, from or on behalf of a player to conduct bingo or a 519
scheme or game of chance. 520

(2) "Slot machine" does not include a skill-based 521
amusement machine, an instant bingo ticket dispenser, ~~or an~~ 522
electronic instant bingo system, or an online raffle platform. 523

(RR) "Net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant 524
bingo ~~or, electronic instant bingo, or online raffles~~" means 525
gross profit minus the ordinary, necessary, and reasonable 526
expense expended for the purchase of bingo supplies for the 527
purpose of conducting instant bingo ~~or, electronic instant~~ 528
bingo, or online raffles and, in the case of instant bingo ~~or, electronic instant bingo, or online raffles~~ 529
conducted by a 530
veteran's, fraternal, or sporting organization or an entity 531
described in division (A) (1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the 532
Revised Code, minus the payment by that organization or entity 533
of real property taxes and assessments levied on a premises on 534
which instant bingo ~~or, electronic instant bingo is, or online~~ 535
raffles are conducted. 536

(SS) "Charitable instant bingo organization" means an 537
organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under 538
subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the 539
Internal Revenue Code and is a charitable organization as 540
defined in this section. A "charitable instant bingo 541
organization" does not include a charitable organization that is 542
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 543
described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 544
and that is created by a veteran's organization, a fraternal 545
organization, or a sporting organization in regards to bingo 546
conducted or assisted by a veteran's organization, a fraternal 547
organization, or a sporting organization pursuant to section 548
2915.13 of the Revised Code. 549

(TT) "Game flare" means the board or placard, or 550
electronic representation of a board or placard, that 551
accompanies each deal of instant bingo or electronic instant 552
bingo tickets and that includes the following information for 553
the game: 554

- (1) The name of the game; 555
- (2) The manufacturer's name or distinctive logo; 556
- (3) The form number; 557
- (4) The ticket count; 558
- (5) The prize structure, including the number of winning 559
tickets by denomination and the respective winning symbol or 560
number combinations for the winning tickets; 561
- (6) The cost per play; 562
- (7) The serial number of the game. 563

(UU) (1) "Skill-based amusement machine" means a 564

mechanical, video, digital, or electronic device that rewards 565
the player or players, if at all, only with merchandise prizes 566
or with redeemable vouchers redeemable only for merchandise 567
prizes, provided that with respect to rewards for playing the 568
game all of the following apply: 569

(a) The wholesale value of a merchandise prize awarded as 570
a result of the single play of a machine does not exceed ten 571
dollars; 572

(b) Redeemable vouchers awarded for any single play of a 573
machine are not redeemable for a merchandise prize with a 574
wholesale value of more than ten dollars; 575

(c) Redeemable vouchers are not redeemable for a 576
merchandise prize that has a wholesale value of more than ten 577
dollars times the fewest number of single plays necessary to 578
accrue the redeemable vouchers required to obtain that prize; 579
and 580

(d) Any redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes are 581
distributed at the site of the skill-based amusement machine at 582
the time of play. 583

A card for the purchase of gasoline is a redeemable 584
voucher for purposes of division (UU)(1) of this section even if 585
the skill-based amusement machine for the play of which the card 586
is awarded is located at a place where gasoline may not be 587
legally distributed to the public or the card is not redeemable 588
at the location of, or at the time of playing, the skill-based 589
amusement machine. 590

(2) A device shall not be considered a skill-based 591
amusement machine and shall be considered a slot machine if it 592
pays cash or one or more of the following apply: 593

(a) The ability of a player to succeed at the game is 594
impacted by the number or ratio of prior wins to prior losses of 595
players playing the game. 596

(b) Any reward of redeemable vouchers is not based solely 597
on the player achieving the object of the game or the player's 598
score; 599

(c) The outcome of the game, or the value of the 600
redeemable voucher or merchandise prize awarded for winning the 601
game, can be controlled by a source other than any player 602
playing the game. 603

(d) The success of any player is or may be determined by a 604
chance event that cannot be altered by player actions. 605

(e) The ability of any player to succeed at the game is 606
determined by game features not visible or known to the player. 607

(f) The ability of the player to succeed at the game is 608
impacted by the exercise of a skill that no reasonable player 609
could exercise. 610

(3) All of the following apply to any machine that is 611
operated as described in division (UU)(1) of this section: 612

(a) As used in division (UU) of this section, "game" and 613
"play" mean one event from the initial activation of the machine 614
until the results of play are determined without payment of 615
additional consideration. An individual utilizing a machine that 616
involves a single game, play, contest, competition, or 617
tournament may be awarded redeemable vouchers or merchandise 618
prizes based on the results of play. 619

(b) Advance play for a single game, play, contest, 620
competition, or tournament participation may be purchased. The 621

cost of the contest, competition, or tournament participation 622
may be greater than a single noncontest, competition, or 623
tournament play. 624

(c) To the extent that the machine is used in a contest, 625
competition, or tournament, that contest, competition, or 626
tournament has a defined starting and ending date and is open to 627
participants in competition for scoring and ranking results 628
toward the awarding of redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes 629
that are stated prior to the start of the contest, competition, 630
or tournament. 631

(4) For purposes of division (UU)(1) of this section, the 632
mere presence of a device, such as a pin-setting, ball- 633
releasing, or scoring mechanism, that does not contribute to or 634
affect the outcome of the play of the game does not make the 635
device a skill-based amusement machine. 636

(VV) "Merchandise prize" means any item of value, but 637
shall not include any of the following: 638

(1) Cash, gift cards, or any equivalent thereof; 639

(2) Plays on games of chance, state lottery tickets, or 640
bingo; 641

(3) Firearms, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages; or 642

(4) A redeemable voucher that is redeemable for any of the 643
items listed in division (VV)(1), (2), or (3) of this section. 644

(WW) "Redeemable voucher" means any ticket, token, coupon, 645
receipt, or other noncash representation of value. 646

(XX) "Pool not conducted for profit" means a scheme in 647
which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance 648
to win a prize and the total amount of consideration wagered is 649

distributed to a participant or participants.

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(YY) "Sporting organization" means a hunting, fishing, or trapping organization, other than a college or high school fraternity or sorority, that is not organized for profit, that is affiliated with a state or national sporting organization, including but not limited to, the league of Ohio sportsmen, and that has been in continuous existence in this state for a period of three years.

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(ZZ) "Community action agency" has the same meaning as in section 5101.311 of the Revised Code.

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(AAA) (1) "Sweepstakes terminal device" means a mechanical, video, digital, or electronic machine or device that is owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by any person conducting a sweepstakes, or by that person's partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, or contractors, that is intended to be used by a sweepstakes participant, and that is capable of displaying information on a screen or other mechanism. A device is a sweepstakes terminal device if any of the following apply:

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(a) The device uses a simulated game terminal as a representation of the prizes associated with the results of the sweepstakes entries.

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(b) The device utilizes software such that the simulated game influences or determines the winning of or value of the prize.

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(c) The device selects prizes from a predetermined finite pool of entries.

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(d) The device utilizes a mechanism that reveals the content of a predetermined sweepstakes entry.

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(e) The device predetermines the prize results and stores 678
those results for delivery at the time the sweepstakes entry 679
results are revealed. 680

(f) The device utilizes software to create a game result. 681

(g) The device reveals the prize incrementally, even 682
though the device does not influence the awarding of the prize 683
or the value of any prize awarded. 684

(h) The device determines and associates the prize with an 685
entry or entries at the time the sweepstakes is entered. 686

(2) As used in this division and in section 2915.02 of the 687
Revised Code: 688

(a) "Enter" means the act by which a person becomes 689
eligible to receive any prize offered in a sweepstakes. 690

(b) "Entry" means one event from the initial activation of 691
the sweepstakes terminal device until all the sweepstakes prize 692
results from that activation are revealed. 693

(c) "Prize" means any gift, award, gratuity, good, 694
service, credit, reward, or any other thing of value that may be 695
transferred to a person, whether possession of the prize is 696
actually transferred, or placed on an account or other record as 697
evidence of the intent to transfer the prize. 698

(d) "Sweepstakes terminal device facility" means any 699
location in this state where a sweepstakes terminal device is 700
provided to a sweepstakes participant, except as provided in 701
division (G) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code. 702

(BBB) "Sweepstakes" means any game, contest, advertising 703
scheme or plan, or other promotion where consideration is not 704
required for a person to enter to win or become eligible to 705

receive any prize, the determination of which is based upon 706
chance. "Sweepstakes" does not include bingo as authorized under 707
this chapter, pari-mutuel wagering as authorized by Chapter 708
3769. of the Revised Code, lotteries conducted by the state 709
lottery commission as authorized by Chapter 3770. of the Revised 710
Code, and casino gaming as authorized by Chapter 3772. of the 711
Revised Code. 712

(CCC) (1) "Electronic instant bingo" means a form of bingo 713
that consists of an electronic or digital representation of 714
instant bingo in which a participant wins a prize if the 715
participant's electronic instant bingo ticket contains a 716
combination of numbers or symbols that was designated in advance 717
as a winning combination, and to which all of the following 718
apply: 719

(a) Each deal has a predetermined, finite number of 720
winning and losing tickets and a predetermined prize amount and 721
deal structure, provided that there may be multiple winning 722
combinations in each deal and multiple winning tickets. 723

(b) Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal has 724
a unique serial number that is not regenerated. 725

(c) Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal is 726
sold for the same price. 727

(d) After a participant purchases an electronic instant 728
bingo ticket, the combination of numbers or symbols on the 729
ticket is revealed to the participant. 730

(e) The reveal of numbers or symbols on the ticket may 731
incorporate an entertainment or bonus theme, provided that the 732
reveal does not include spinning reels that resemble a slot 733
machine. 734

(f) The reveal theme, if any, does not require additional 735
consideration or award any prize other than any predetermined 736
prize associated with the electronic instant bingo ticket. 737

(2) "Electronic instant bingo" shall not include any of 738
the following: 739

(a) Any game, entertainment, or bonus theme that 740
replicates or simulates any of the following: 741

(i) The gambling games of keno, blackjack, roulette, 742
poker, craps, other casino-style table games; 743

(ii) Horse racing; 744

(iii) Gambling games offered in this state on slot 745
machines or video lottery terminals. As used in this division, 746
"video lottery terminal" has the same meaning as in section 747
3770.21 of the Revised Code. 748

(b) Any device operated by dropping one or more coins or 749
tokens into a slot and pulling a handle or pushing a button or 750
touchpoint on a touchscreen to activate one to three or more 751
rotating reels marked into horizontal segments by varying 752
symbols, where the predetermined prize amount depends on how and 753
how many of the symbols line up when the rotating reels come to 754
a rest; 755

(c) Any device that includes a coin or token slot, tray, 756
or hopper and the ability to dispense coins, cash, tokens, or 757
anything of value other than a credit ticket voucher. 758

(DDD) "Electronic instant bingo system" means both of the 759
following: 760

(1) A mechanical, electronic, digital, or video device and 761
associated software to which all of the following apply: 762

(a) It is used by not more than one player at a time to 763
play electronic instant bingo on a single screen that is 764
physically connected to the device; 765

(b) It is located on the premises of the principal place 766
of business of a veteran's or fraternal organization that holds 767
a type II or type III bingo license to conduct electronic 768
instant bingo at that location issued under section 2915.08 of 769
the Revised Code. 770

(2) Any associated equipment or software used to manage, 771
monitor, or document any aspect of electronic instant bingo. 772

Sec. 2915.07. (A) ~~No~~ Except as otherwise permitted by 773
section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, no person or entity, except 774
a charitable organization that has obtained a license pursuant 775
to section 2915.08 of the Revised Code, shall conduct or 776
advertise bingo. ~~This division does not apply to a raffle that a~~ 777
~~charitable organization conducts or advertises.~~ 778

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of conducting 779
illegal bingo, a felony of the fourth degree. 780

Sec. 2915.08. (A) (1) Except as otherwise permitted under 781
section ~~2915.092~~ 2915.16 of the Revised Code, annually before 782
the first day of January, a charitable organization that desires 783
to conduct bingo shall apply to the attorney general for one or 784
more of the following types of licenses to conduct bingo, as 785
appropriate: 786

(a) A type I license to conduct bingo as described in 787
division (O) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code; 788

(b) A type II license to conduct instant bingo, electronic 789
instant bingo, or both at a bingo session; 790

(c) A type III license to conduct instant bingo, 791
electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session, 792
in accordance with sections 2915.093 to 2915.095 or sections 793
2915.13 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code, as applicable. 794

(2) A veteran's organization or fraternal organization 795
that is authorized under section 2915.14 of the Revised Code to 796
conduct electronic instant bingo may be issued only one license 797
to conduct electronic instant bingo at any one time. The 798
organization may conduct electronic instant bingo under that 799
license at only one location specified on the license, which 800
shall be the organization's principal place of business. 801

(B) The application shall be accompanied by a license fee 802
as follows: 803

(1) If the charitable organization was not licensed to 804
conduct bingo under this chapter before July 1, 2003, a fee 805
established by the attorney general by rule adopted pursuant to 806
section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 807

(2) If the charitable organization was licensed to conduct 808
bingo under this chapter before July 1, 2003, the following 809
applicable fee: 810

(a) For a type I license for a charitable organization 811
that wishes to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 812
any calendar year, a license fee of two hundred dollars; 813

(b) For a type II or type III license for a charitable 814
organization that previously has not been licensed under this 815
chapter to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo and 816
that wishes to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 817
any calendar year, a license fee of five hundred dollars; 818

(c) For a type II or type III license for a charitable 819

organization that previously has been licensed under this 820
chapter to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo and 821
that desires to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 822
any calendar year, a license fee that is based upon the gross 823
profits received by the charitable organization from the 824
operation of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo during 825
the one-year period ending on the thirty-first day of October of 826
the year immediately preceding the year for which the license is 827
sought, and that is one of the following: 828

(i) Five hundred dollars, if the total is fifty thousand 829
dollars or less; 830

(ii) One thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one- 831
fourth per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than 832
fifty thousand dollars but less than two hundred fifty thousand 833
one dollars; 834

(iii) Two thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one-half 835
per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than two 836
hundred fifty thousand dollars but less than five hundred 837
thousand one dollars; 838

(iv) Three thousand five hundred dollars plus one per cent 839
of the gross profit, if the total is more than five hundred 840
thousand dollars but less than one million one dollars; 841

(v) Five thousand dollars plus one per cent of the gross 842
profit, if the total is one million one dollars or more. 843

~~(e)~~(d) For a type I, type II, or type III license for a 844
charitable organization that desires to conduct bingo during 845
fewer than twenty-six weeks in any calendar year, a reduced 846
license fee established by the attorney general by rule adopted 847
pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 848

(C) The application shall be in the form prescribed by the attorney general, shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant, and shall contain all of the following:

(1) The name and post-office address of the applicant;

(2) A statement that the applicant is a charitable organization and that it has been in continuous existence as a charitable organization in this state for two years immediately preceding the making of the application;

(3) The location at which the organization will conduct bingo, which location shall be within the county in which the principal place of business of the applicant is located, the days of the week and the times on each of those days when bingo will be conducted, whether the organization owns, leases, or subleases the premises, and a copy of the rental agreement if it leases or subleases the premises;

(4) A statement of the applicant's previous history, record, and association that is sufficient to establish that the applicant is a charitable organization, and a copy of a determination letter that is issued by the Internal Revenue Service and states that the organization is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(5) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever had any previous application made under this section or section 2915.17 of the Revised Code refused, whether it previously has had a bingo or online raffle license revoked or suspended, and the reason stated by the attorney general for the refusal, revocation, or suspension;

(6) A statement of the charitable purposes for which the 878
net profit derived from bingo described in division (O) (1) of 879
section 2915.01 of the Revised Code will be used, or a statement 880
of how the net profit derived from instant bingo or electronic 881
instant bingo will be distributed in accordance with section 882
2915.101 of the Revised Code, as applicable; 883

(7) Other necessary and reasonable information that the 884
attorney general may require by rule adopted pursuant to section 885
111.15 of the Revised Code; 886

(8) If the applicant is a charitable trust as defined in 887
section 109.23 of the Revised Code, a statement as to whether it 888
has registered with the attorney general pursuant to section 889
109.26 of the Revised Code or filed annual reports pursuant to 890
section 109.31 of the Revised Code, and, if it is not required 891
to do either, the exemption in section 109.26 or 109.31 of the 892
Revised Code that applies to it; 893

(9) If the applicant is a charitable organization as 894
defined in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code, a statement as 895
to whether it has filed with the attorney general a registration 896
statement pursuant to section 1716.02 of the Revised Code and a 897
financial report pursuant to section 1716.04 of the Revised 898
Code, and, if it is not required to do both, the exemption in 899
section 1716.03 of the Revised Code that applies to it; 900

(10) In the case of an applicant seeking to qualify as a 901
youth athletic park organization, a statement issued by a board 902
or body vested with authority under Chapter 755. of the Revised 903
Code for the supervision and maintenance of recreation 904
facilities in the territory in which the organization is 905
located, certifying that the playing fields owned by the 906
organization were open for use to all residents of that 907

territory, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or 908
national origin, for athletic activities by youth athletic 909
organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, 910
color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, and that the 911
fields were not used for any profit-making activity at any time 912
during the year. That type of board or body is authorized to 913
issue the statement upon request and shall issue the statement 914
if it finds that the applicant's playing fields were so used. 915

(D) The attorney general, within thirty days after 916
receiving a timely filed application from a charitable 917
organization that has been issued a license under this section 918
that has not expired and has not been revoked or suspended, and 919
that, if applicable, has not had its online raffle license 920
revoked or suspended, shall send a temporary permit to the 921
applicant specifying the date on which the application was filed 922
with the attorney general and stating that, pursuant to section 923
119.06 of the Revised Code, the applicant may continue to 924
conduct bingo until a new license is granted or, if the 925
application is rejected, until fifteen days after notice of the 926
rejection is mailed to the applicant. The temporary permit does 927
not affect the validity of the applicant's application and does 928
not grant any rights to the applicant except those rights 929
specifically granted in section 119.06 of the Revised Code. The 930
issuance of a temporary permit by the attorney general pursuant 931
to this division does not prohibit the attorney general from 932
rejecting the applicant's application because of acts that the 933
applicant committed, or actions that the applicant failed to 934
take, before or after the issuance of the temporary permit. 935

(E) Within thirty days after receiving an initial license 936
application from a charitable organization to conduct bingo, the 937
attorney general shall conduct a preliminary review of the 938

application and notify the applicant regarding any deficiencies. 939
Once an application is deemed complete, or beginning on the 940
thirtieth day after the application is filed, if the attorney 941
general failed to notify the applicant of any deficiencies, the 942
attorney general shall have an additional sixty days to conduct 943
an investigation and either grant, grant with limits, 944
restrictions, or probationary conditions, or deny the 945
application based on findings established and communicated in 946
accordance with divisions (F) and (I) of this section. As an 947
option to granting, granting with limits, restrictions, or 948
probationary conditions, or denying an initial license 949
application, the attorney general may grant a temporary license 950
and request additional time to conduct the investigation if the 951
attorney general has cause to believe that additional time is 952
necessary to complete the investigation and has notified the 953
applicant in writing about the specific concerns raised during 954
the investigation. 955

(F) (1) The attorney general shall adopt rules to enforce 956
sections 2915.01, 2915.02, and 2915.07 to ~~2915.15~~ 2915.18 of the 957
Revised Code to ensure that bingo is conducted in accordance 958
with those sections and to maintain proper control over the 959
conduct of bingo. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 960
the rules shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the 961
Revised Code. The attorney general shall license charitable 962
organizations to conduct bingo in conformance with this chapter 963
and with the licensing provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised 964
Code. 965

(2) If any of the following applies to an organization, 966
the attorney general may refuse to grant a license to the 967
organization, may revoke or suspend the organization's license, 968
or may place limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions on 969

the organization's license for a limited or indefinite period, 970
as determined by the attorney general: 971

(a) The organization fails or has failed at any time to 972
meet any requirement of, or violates or has violated any 973
provision of, this chapter, section 109.26, 109.31, or 1716.02, 974
~~or sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code, or violates~~ 975
~~or has violated any provision of sections 2915.02 or 2915.07 to~~ 976
~~2915.13 of the Revised Code~~ or any rule adopted by the attorney 977
general pursuant to this chapter. 978

(b) The organization makes or has made an incorrect or 979
false statement that is material to the granting of the license 980
in an application filed under this section or section 2915.17 of 981
the Revised Code. 982

(c) The organization submits or has submitted any 983
incorrect or false information relating to an application filed 984
under this section or section 2915.17 of the Revised Code if the 985
information is material to the granting of the license. 986

(d) The organization maintains or has maintained any 987
incorrect or false information that is material to the granting 988
of the bingo license or of an online raffle license in the 989
records required to be kept pursuant to section 2915.10 of the 990
Revised Code, if applicable. 991

(e) The attorney general has good cause to believe that 992
the organization will not conduct bingo in accordance with 993
sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code or with any rule 994
adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this chapter. 995

(3) If the attorney general has good cause to believe that 996
any director or officer of the organization has breached the 997
director's or officer's fiduciary duty to, or committed theft or 998

any other type of misconduct related to, the organization or any 999
other charitable organization that has been issued a bingo 1000
license under this chapter, the attorney general may refuse to 1001
grant a license to the organization, may impose limits, 1002
restrictions, or probationary conditions on the license, or may 1003
revoke or suspend the organization's license for a period not to 1004
exceed five years. 1005

(4) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on an 1006
organization licensed or permitted under this chapter for 1007
failure to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 1008
conditions on its license, and for failure to comply with this 1009
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 1010
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 1011
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1012

(5) For the purposes of division (F) of this section, any 1013
action of an officer, trustee, agent, representative, or bingo 1014
game operator of an organization is an action of the 1015
organization. 1016

(G) The attorney general may grant licenses to charitable 1017
organizations that are branches, lodges, or chapters of national 1018
charitable organizations. 1019

(H) The attorney general shall send notice of any of the 1020
following actions in writing to the prosecuting attorney and 1021
sheriff of the county in which the charitable organization is 1022
located and to any other law enforcement agency in that county 1023
that so requests, of all of the following: 1024

(1) The issuance of a license under this section; 1025

(2) The issuance of an amended license under this section; 1026

(3) The rejection of an application for and refusal to 1027

grant a license under this section; 1028

(4) The revocation of any license previously issued under 1029
this section; 1030

(5) The suspension of any license previously issued under 1031
this section; 1032

(6) The placing of any limits, restrictions, or 1033
probationary conditions placed on a license issued under this 1034
section. 1035

(I) A license issued by the attorney general under this 1036
section shall set forth the information contained on the 1037
application of the charitable organization that the attorney 1038
general determines is relevant, including, but not limited to, 1039
the location at which the organization will conduct bingo, 1040
whether the license is a type I, type II, or type III license, 1041
and the days of the week and the times on each of those days 1042
when bingo will be conducted. If the attorney general refuses to 1043
grant, places limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions 1044
on, or revokes or suspends a license, the attorney general shall 1045
notify the applicant in writing and specifically identify the 1046
reason for the refusal, revocation, limit, restriction, 1047
probationary condition, or suspension in narrative form and, if 1048
applicable, by identifying the section of the Revised Code 1049
violated. The failure of the attorney general to give the 1050
written notice of the reasons for the refusal, revocation, 1051
limit, restriction, probationary condition, or suspension or a 1052
mistake in the written notice does not affect the validity of 1053
the attorney general's refusal to grant, or the revocation or 1054
suspension of, or limit, restriction, probationary condition on, 1055
a license. If the attorney general fails to give the written 1056
notice or if there is a mistake in the written notice, the 1057

applicant may bring an action to compel the attorney general to 1058
comply with this division or to correct the mistake, but the 1059
attorney general's order refusing to grant, or placing a limit, 1060
restriction, or probationary condition on, or revoking or 1061
suspending, a license shall not be enjoined during the pendency 1062
of the action. 1063

(J) (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (2) 1064
of this section, a charitable organization that has been issued 1065
a license under this section but that cannot conduct bingo at 1066
the location, or on the day of the week or at the time, 1067
specified on the license due to circumstances that make it 1068
impractical to do so, or that desires to conduct instant bingo 1069
other than at a bingo session at additional locations not 1070
identified on the license, may apply in writing, together with 1071
an application fee of two hundred fifty dollars, to the attorney 1072
general, at least thirty days prior to a change in or addition 1073
of a location, day of the week, or time, and request an amended 1074
license. 1075

(b) As applicable, the application shall describe the 1076
causes making it impractical for the organization to conduct 1077
bingo in conformity with its license and shall indicate the 1078
location, days of the week, and times on each of those days when 1079
it desires to conduct bingo and, as applicable, shall indicate 1080
the additional locations at which it desires to conduct instant 1081
bingo other than at a bingo session. 1082

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (3) of 1083
this section, the attorney general shall issue the amended 1084
license in accordance with division (I) of this section, and the 1085
organization shall surrender its original license to the 1086
attorney general. 1087

(2) (a) A charitable organization that has been issued a 1088
license under this section to conduct electronic instant bingo 1089
but that cannot conduct electronic instant bingo at the 1090
location, or on the day of the week or at the time, specified on 1091
the license due to circumstances that make it impractical to do 1092
so, may apply in writing, together with an application fee of 1093
two hundred fifty dollars, to the attorney general, at least 1094
thirty days prior to a change in a location, day of the week, or 1095
time, and request an amended license. A charitable organization 1096
may not apply for an amended license to conduct electronic 1097
instant bingo at any additional location. 1098

(b) The application shall describe the causes making it 1099
impractical for the organization to conduct electronic instant 1100
bingo in conformity with its license and shall indicate the 1101
location, days of the week, and times on each of those days when 1102
it desires to conduct electronic instant bingo. 1103

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (3) of 1104
this section, the attorney general shall issue the amended 1105
license in accordance with division (I) of this section, and the 1106
organization shall surrender its original license to the 1107
attorney general. 1108

(3) The attorney general may refuse to grant an amended 1109
license under division (J) (1) or (2) of this section according 1110
to the terms of division (F) of this section. 1111

(K) The attorney general may enter into a written contract 1112
with any other state agency to delegate to that state agency the 1113
powers prescribed to the attorney general under Chapter 2915. of 1114
the Revised Code. 1115

(L) The attorney general, by rule adopted pursuant to 1116

section 111.15 of the Revised Code, may adopt rules to determine 1117
the requirements for a charitable organization that is exempt 1118
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 1119
described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1120
to be in good standing in the state. 1121

Sec. 2915.081. (A) No distributor shall sell, offer to 1122
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to 1123
another person, or modify, convert, add to, or remove parts from 1124
bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale, for use in 1125
this state without having obtained a license from the attorney 1126
general under this section. 1127

(B)(1) The attorney general may issue a distributor 1128
license to any person that meets the requirements of this 1129
section. The application for the license shall be on a form 1130
prescribed by the attorney general and be accompanied by the 1131
annual fee prescribed by this section. The license is valid for 1132
a period of one year, and the annual fee for the license is five 1133
thousand dollars. 1134

(2) Upon applying for or renewing a license under this 1135
section, an applicant shall file with and have approved by the 1136
attorney general a bond in which the applicant shall be the 1137
principal obligor, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with 1138
one or more sureties authorized to do business in this state. 1139
The applicant shall maintain the bond in effect as long as the 1140
license is valid; however, the liability of the surety under the 1141
bond shall not exceed an all-time aggregate liability of fifty 1142
thousand dollars. The bond, which may be in the form of a rider 1143
to a larger blanket liability bond, shall run to the state and 1144
to any person who may have a cause of action against the 1145
principal obligor of the bond for any liability arising out of a 1146

violation by the obligor of any provision of this chapter or any 1147
rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. 1148

(C) The attorney general may refuse to issue a distributor 1149
license to any person to which any of the following applies, or 1150
to any person that has an officer, partner, or other person who 1151
has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more and to whom 1152
any of the following applies: 1153

(1) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of 1154
a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 1155
9.79 of the Revised Code. 1156

(2) The person, officer, or partner has made an incorrect 1157
or false statement that is material to the granting of a license 1158
in an application submitted to the attorney general under this 1159
section or in a similar application submitted to a gambling 1160
licensing authority in another jurisdiction if the statement 1161
resulted in license revocation through administrative action in 1162
the other jurisdiction. 1163

(3) The person, officer, or partner has submitted any 1164
incorrect or false information relating to the application to 1165
the attorney general under this section, if the information is 1166
material to the granting of the license. 1167

(4) The person, officer, or partner has failed to correct 1168
any incorrect or false information that is material to the 1169
granting of the license in the records required to be maintained 1170
under division (F) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code. 1171

(5) The person, officer, or partner has had a license 1172
related to gambling revoked or suspended under the laws of this 1173
state, another state, or the United States. 1174

(6) The attorney general has good cause to believe that a 1175

person, officer, or partner has committed a breach of fiduciary 1176
duty, theft, or other type of misconduct related to a ~~charitable~~ 1177
~~organization-person~~ that has obtained a bingo license issued 1178
under ~~this chapter~~ section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or an 1179
entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the 1180
Revised Code that conducts a raffle. 1181

~~(D) The~~ (D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions 1182
(D) (2) and (3) of this section, the attorney general shall not 1183
issue a distributor license to any person that is involved in 1184
the conduct of bingo on behalf of a charitable organization or 1185
that is a lessor of premises used for the conduct of bingo. ~~This~~ 1186
~~division~~ 1187

(2) Division (D) (1) of this section does not prohibit a 1188
distributor from advising charitable organizations on the use 1189
and benefit of specific bingo supplies or prohibit a distributor 1190
from advising a customer on operational methods to improve bingo 1191
profitability. 1192

(3) Division (D) (1) of this section does not prohibit a 1193
distributor that operates an online raffle platform from 1194
conducting an online raffle on behalf of an entity described in 1195
division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code. 1196

(E) (1) No distributor shall sell, offer to sell, or 1197
otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any 1198
person, or modify, convert, add to, or remove parts from bingo 1199
supplies to further their promotion or sale, for use in this 1200
state except to or for the use of a charitable organization that 1201
has been issued a license under section 2915.08 of the Revised 1202
Code or an entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1203
2915.16 of the Revised Code that conducts a raffle, or to 1204
another distributor that has been issued a license under this 1205

section. No distributor shall accept payment for the sale or 1206
other provision of bingo supplies other than by check or 1207
electronic fund transfer. 1208

~~(2)~~ (2) (a) No distributor may donate, give, loan, lease, 1209
or otherwise provide any bingo supplies or equipment, or modify, 1210
convert, add to, or remove parts from bingo supplies to further 1211
their promotion or sale, to or for the use of a charitable 1212
organization for use in a bingo session conditioned on or in 1213
consideration for an exclusive right to provide bingo supplies 1214
to the charitable organization. A distributor may provide a 1215
licensed charitable organization with free samples of the 1216
distributor's products to be used as prizes or to be used for 1217
the purpose of sampling. 1218

(b) No distributor may donate, give, loan, lease, or 1219
otherwise provide any bingo supplies, or modify, convert, add 1220
to, or remove parts from bingo supplies to further their 1221
promotion or sale, to or for the use of an entity described in 1222
division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code for use 1223
in a raffle conditioned on or in consideration for an exclusive 1224
right to provide bingo supplies to the entity. 1225

(3) No distributor shall purchase bingo supplies for use 1226
in this state from any person except from a manufacturer issued 1227
a license under section 2915.082 of the Revised Code or from 1228
another distributor issued a license under this section. Subject 1229
to division (D) of section 2915.082 of the Revised Code, no 1230
distributor shall pay for purchased bingo supplies other than by 1231
check or electronic fund transfer. 1232

~~(4) No~~ (4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) 1233
(4) (b) of this section, no distributor shall participate in the 1234
conduct of bingo on behalf of a charitable organization or have 1235

any direct or indirect ownership interest in a premises used for 1236
the conduct of bingo. 1237

(b) Division (E) (4) (a) of this section does not prohibit a 1238
distributor that operates an online raffle platform from 1239
conducting an online raffle on behalf of an entity described in 1240
division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code. 1241

(5) No distributor shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, or 1242
receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly or 1243
indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in return 1244
for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state. 1245

(F) (1) No distributor shall knowingly sell, offer to sell, 1246
or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic instant 1247
bingo system to any person for use in this state, or install, 1248
maintain, update, or repair an electronic instant bingo system, 1249
without first obtaining an electronic instant bingo distributor 1250
endorsement to the person's distributor license issued under 1251
this section. An applicant for a distributor license under this 1252
section may apply simultaneously for an electronic instant bingo 1253
distributor endorsement to that license. 1254

(2) An applicant for an electronic instant bingo 1255
distributor endorsement shall submit the application on a form 1256
prescribed by the attorney general and shall submit one complete 1257
set of fingerprints directly to the superintendent of the bureau 1258
of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of 1259
conducting a criminal records check. The applicant shall provide 1260
the fingerprints using a method the superintendent prescribes 1261
pursuant to division (C) (2) of section 109.572 of the Revised 1262
Code and shall fill out the form the superintendent prescribes 1263
pursuant to division (C) (1) of that section. Upon receiving an 1264
application for an electronic instant bingo distributor 1265

endorsement, the attorney general shall request the 1266
superintendent, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a 1267
criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprint 1268
impressions in accordance with division (A) (18) of that section. 1269
The applicant shall pay any fee required under division (C) (3) 1270
of that section. 1271

(3) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 1272
instant bingo distributor endorsement to an applicant unless the 1273
attorney general has received the results of the criminal 1274
records check described in division (F) (2) of this section. The 1275
attorney general shall not issue an electronic instant bingo 1276
distributor endorsement to an applicant if the applicant, any 1277
officer or partner of the applicant, or any person who has an 1278
ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the applicant has 1279
violated any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by 1280
the attorney general under this chapter or has violated any 1281
existing or former law or rule of this state, any other state, 1282
or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any 1283
provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney 1284
general under this chapter. 1285

(4) An electronic instant bingo distributor endorsement 1286
issued under this section shall be valid for the period of the 1287
underlying distributor license. 1288

(G) The attorney general may suspend, place limits, 1289
restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revoke a 1290
distributor license or an electronic instant bingo distributor 1291
endorsement, for a limited or indefinite period of time at the 1292
attorney general's discretion, for any of the following reasons: 1293

(1) Any reason for which the attorney general may refuse 1294
to issue the license or endorsement; 1295

(2) The distributor holding the license or endorsement 1296
violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by 1297
the attorney general under this chapter; 1298

(3) The distributor or any officer, partner, or other 1299
person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more in 1300
the distributor is convicted of either of the following: 1301

(a) A felony under the laws of this state, another state, 1302
or the United States; 1303

(b) Any gambling offense. 1304

(H) The attorney general may adopt rules for the 1305
application, acceptance, denial, suspension, revocation, 1306
limitation, restriction, or condition of a distributor license 1307
or endorsement, and to enforce any other provisions of this 1308
section, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1309

(I) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on a 1310
distributor licensed or permitted under this chapter for failure 1311
to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 1312
conditions on its license, or for failure to comply with this 1313
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 1314
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 1315
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1316

(J) Whoever violates division (A), (E), or (F) of this 1317
section is guilty of illegally operating as a distributor. 1318
Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally 1319
operating as a distributor is a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1320
If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of 1321
division (A), (E), or (F) of this section, illegally operating 1322
as a distributor is a felony of the fifth degree. 1323

Sec. 2915.082. (A) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to 1324

sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies 1325
for use in this state without having obtained a license from the 1326
attorney general under this section. 1327

(B) (1) The attorney general may issue a manufacturer 1328
license to any person that meets the requirements of this 1329
section. The application for the license shall be on a form 1330
prescribed by the attorney general and be accompanied by the 1331
annual fee prescribed by this section. The license is valid for 1332
a period of one year, and the annual fee for the license is five 1333
thousand dollars. 1334

(2) Upon applying for or renewing a license under this 1335
section, an applicant shall file with and have approved by the 1336
attorney general a bond in which the applicant shall be the 1337
principal obligor, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with 1338
one or more sureties authorized to do business in this state. 1339
The applicant shall maintain the bond in effect as long as the 1340
license is valid; however, the liability of the surety under the 1341
bond shall not exceed an all-time aggregate liability of fifty 1342
thousand dollars. The bond, which may be in the form of a rider 1343
to a larger blanket liability bond, shall run to the state and 1344
to any person who may have a cause of action against the 1345
principal obligor of the bond for any liability arising out of a 1346
violation by the obligor of any provision of this chapter or any 1347
rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. 1348

(C) The attorney general may refuse to issue a 1349
manufacturer license to any person to which any of the following 1350
applies, or to any person that has an officer, partner, or other 1351
person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more and 1352
to whom any of the following applies: 1353

(1) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of 1354

a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 1355
9.79 of the Revised Code. 1356

(2) The person, officer, or partner has made an incorrect 1357
or false statement that is material to the granting of a license 1358
in an application submitted to the attorney general under this 1359
section or in a similar application submitted to a gambling 1360
licensing authority in another jurisdiction if the statement 1361
resulted in license revocation through administrative action in 1362
the other jurisdiction. 1363

(3) The person, officer, or partner has submitted any 1364
incorrect or false information relating to the application to 1365
the attorney general under this section, if the information is 1366
material to the granting of the license. 1367

(4) The person, officer, or partner has failed to correct 1368
any incorrect or false information that is material to the 1369
granting of the license in the records required to be maintained 1370
under division (G) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code. 1371

(5) The person, officer, or partner has had a license 1372
related to gambling revoked or suspended under the laws of this 1373
state, another state, or the United States. 1374

(6) The attorney general has good cause to believe that 1375
the person, officer, or partner has committed a breach of 1376
fiduciary duty, theft, or other type of misconduct, related to a 1377
~~charitable organization person~~ that has obtained a bingo license 1378
~~under this chapter~~ section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or an 1379
entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the 1380
Revised Code that conducts a raffle. 1381

(D) (1) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to sell, or 1382
otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any 1383

person for use in this state except to a distributor that has 1384
been issued a license under section 2915.081 of the Revised 1385
Code. No manufacturer shall accept payment for the sale of bingo 1386
supplies other than by check or electronic fund transfer. 1387

(2) No manufacturer shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, 1388
or receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly 1389
or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in 1390
return for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state. 1391

(E) (1) No manufacturer shall knowingly sell, offer to 1392
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic 1393
instant bingo system to any person for use in this state, or 1394
submit an electronic instant bingo system for testing and 1395
approval under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code, without 1396
first obtaining an electronic instant bingo manufacturer 1397
endorsement to the person's manufacturer license issued under 1398
this section. An applicant for a manufacturer license under this 1399
section may apply simultaneously for an electronic instant bingo 1400
manufacturer endorsement to that license. 1401

(2) A manufacturer licensed under this section may only 1402
sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide 1403
electronic instant bingo systems that contain proprietary 1404
software owned by or licensed to the manufacturer. If the 1405
proprietary software is licensed to the manufacturer, the 1406
manufacturer shall provide a copy of the license along with the 1407
application for an endorsement under this section. 1408

(3) An applicant for an electronic instant bingo 1409
manufacturer endorsement shall submit the application on a form 1410
prescribed by the attorney general and shall submit one complete 1411
set of fingerprints directly to the superintendent of the bureau 1412
of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of 1413

conducting a criminal records check. The applicant shall provide 1414
the fingerprints using a method the superintendent prescribes 1415
pursuant to division (C) (2) of section 109.572 of the Revised 1416
Code and shall fill out the form the superintendent prescribes 1417
pursuant to division (C) (1) of that section. Upon receiving an 1418
application for an electronic instant bingo manufacturer 1419
endorsement, the attorney general shall request the 1420
superintendent, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a 1421
criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprint 1422
impressions in accordance with division (A) (18) of that section. 1423
The applicant shall pay any fee required under division (C) (3) 1424
of that section. 1425

(4) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 1426
instant bingo manufacturer endorsement to an applicant unless 1427
the attorney general has received the results of the criminal 1428
records check described in division (E) (3) of this section. The 1429
attorney general shall not issue an electronic instant bingo 1430
manufacturer endorsement to an applicant if the applicant, any 1431
officer or partner of the applicant, or any person who has an 1432
ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the applicant has 1433
violated any existing or former law or rule of this state, any 1434
other state, or the United States that is substantially 1435
equivalent to any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted 1436
by the attorney general under this chapter. 1437

(F) (1) The attorney general may suspend, place limits, 1438
restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revoke a 1439
manufacturer license or an electronic instant bingo manufacturer 1440
endorsement for a limited or indefinite period of time for any 1441
of the following reasons: 1442

(a) Any reason for which the attorney general may refuse 1443

to issue the license or endorsement; 1444

(b) The manufacturer holding the license or endorsement 1445
violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by 1446
the attorney general under this chapter; 1447

(c) The manufacturer or any officer, partner, or other 1448
person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more in 1449
the manufacturer is convicted of either of the following: 1450

(i) A felony under the laws of this state, another state, 1451
or the United States; 1452

(ii) Any gambling offense. 1453

(2) The attorney general may perform an onsite inspection 1454
of a manufacturer of bingo supplies that is selling, offering to 1455
sell, or otherwise providing or offering to provide bingo 1456
supplies or that is applying for a license to sell, offer to 1457
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies in 1458
this state. 1459

(3) (a) The attorney general shall establish by rule an 1460
application and renewal fee for an electronic instant bingo 1461
manufacturer endorsement in an amount sufficient to cover the 1462
costs the attorney general incurs in processing applications for 1463
electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsements and 1464
investigating an applicant's suitability. 1465

(b) If the cost of processing a particular application and 1466
investigating the applicant's suitability exceeds the amount of 1467
the application and renewal fee, the attorney general may charge 1468
the applicant an additional fee as necessary to cover that cost. 1469

(c) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 1470
instant bingo manufacturer endorsement unless the attorney 1471

general has received payment in full from the applicant for all 1472
fees to be charged under this section. 1473

(G) The attorney general may adopt rules for the 1474
application, acceptance, denial, suspension, revocation, 1475
limitation, restriction, or condition of a manufacturer license 1476
or endorsement described in this section, and to enforce any 1477
other provisions of this section, in accordance with Chapter 1478
119. of the Revised Code. 1479

(H) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on a 1480
manufacturer licensed or permitted under this chapter for 1481
failure to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 1482
conditions on its license, and for failure to comply with this 1483
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 1484
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 1485
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1486

(I) Whoever violates division (A), (D), or (E) of this 1487
section is guilty of illegally operating as a manufacturer. 1488
Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally 1489
operating as a manufacturer is a misdemeanor of the first 1490
degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a 1491
violation of division (A), (D), or (E) of this section, 1492
illegally operating as a manufacturer is a felony of the fifth 1493
degree. 1494

Sec. 2915.10. (A) No ~~charitable organization entity~~ that 1495
conducts bingo or a game of chance pursuant to division (D) of 1496
section 2915.02 of the Revised Code shall fail to maintain the 1497
following records for at least three years from the date on 1498
which the bingo or game of chance is conducted: 1499

(1) An itemized list of the gross receipts of each bingo 1500

session, each game of instant bingo by serial number, each 1501
electronic instant bingo game by serial number, each raffle, 1502
each punch board game, and each game of chance, and an itemized 1503
list of the gross profits of each game of instant bingo by 1504
serial number and each electronic instant bingo game by serial 1505
number; 1506

(2) An itemized list of all expenses, other than prizes, 1507
that are incurred in conducting bingo, the name of each person 1508
to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the 1509
expenses; 1510

(3) A list of all prizes awarded during each bingo 1511
session, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of 1512
~~chance conducted by the charitable organization,~~ the total 1513
prizes awarded from each game of instant bingo by serial number 1514
and each electronic instant bingo game by serial number, and the 1515
name, address, and social security number of all persons who are 1516
winners of prizes of six hundred dollars or more in value; 1517

(4) An itemized list of the recipients of the net profit 1518
of the bingo or game of chance, including the name and address 1519
of each recipient to whom the money is distributed, and if the 1520
organization uses the net profit of bingo, or the money or 1521
assets received from a game of chance, for any charitable or 1522
other purpose set forth in division (V) of section 2915.01, 1523
division (D) of section 2915.02, or section 2915.101 of the 1524
Revised Code, a list of each purpose and an itemized list of 1525
each expenditure for each purpose; 1526

(5) The number of persons who participate in any bingo 1527
session, raffle, or game of chance ~~that is conducted by the~~ 1528
~~charitable organization;~~ 1529

(6) A list of receipts from the sale of food and beverages 1530
by the ~~charitable organization entity~~ or one of its auxiliary 1531
units or societies, if the receipts were excluded from gross 1532
receipts under division (T) of section 2915.01 of the Revised 1533
Code; 1534

(7) An itemized list of all expenses incurred at each 1535
bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, or each game 1536
of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo ~~conducted by the~~ 1537
~~charitable organization~~ in the sale of food and beverages by the 1538
~~charitable organization entity~~ or by an auxiliary unit or 1539
society of the ~~charitable organization entity~~, the name of each 1540
person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of 1541
the expenses. 1542

(B) ~~A charitable organization~~ An entity shall keep the 1543
records that it is required to maintain pursuant to division (A) 1544
of this section at its principal place of business in this state 1545
or at its headquarters in this state and shall notify the 1546
attorney general of the location at which those records are 1547
kept. 1548

(C) The gross profit from each bingo session or game 1549
described in division (O) (1) or (2) of section 2915.01 of the 1550
Revised Code shall be deposited into a checking account devoted 1551
exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable 1552
expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and 1553
payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the 1554
bingo session or game shall be made only by checks or electronic 1555
fund transfers drawn on the bingo session or game account. 1556

(D) Each charitable organization shall conduct and record 1557
an inventory of all of its bingo supplies as of the first day of 1558
November of each year. 1559

(E) The attorney general may adopt rules in accordance 1560
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish standards 1561
of accounting, record keeping, and reporting to ensure that 1562
gross receipts from bingo or games of chance are properly 1563
accounted for. 1564

(F) A distributor shall maintain, for a period of three 1565
years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of 1566
each instance of its selling or otherwise providing to another 1567
person bingo supplies for use in this state. The record shall 1568
include all of the following for each instance: 1569

(1) The name of the manufacturer from which the 1570
distributor purchased the bingo supplies and the date of the 1571
purchase; 1572

(2) The name and address of the charitable organization or 1573
other distributor to which the bingo supplies were sold or 1574
otherwise provided; 1575

(3) A description that clearly identifies the bingo 1576
supplies; 1577

(4) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers 1578
of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals 1579
sold or otherwise provided to each charitable organization. 1580

(G) A manufacturer shall maintain, for a period of three 1581
years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of 1582
each instance of its selling or otherwise providing bingo 1583
supplies for use in this state. The record shall include all of 1584
the following for each instance: 1585

(1) The name and address of the distributor to whom the 1586
bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided; 1587

(2) A description that clearly identifies the bingo 1588
supplies, including serial numbers; 1589

(3) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers 1590
of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals 1591
sold or otherwise provided to each distributor. 1592

(H) The attorney general or any law enforcement agency may 1593
do all of the following: 1594

(1) Investigate any charitable organization, entity 1595
described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised 1596
Code, distributor, or manufacturer or any officer, agent, 1597
trustee, member, or employee of the organization, entity, 1598
distributor, or manufacturer; 1599

(2) Examine the accounts and records of the charitable 1600
organization, entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1601
2915.16 of the Revised Code, distributor, or manufacturer or of 1602
any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the 1603
organization, distributor, or manufacturer; 1604

(3) Conduct inspections, audits, and observations of bingo 1605
or games of chance; 1606

(4) Conduct inspections of the premises where bingo or 1607
games of chance are conducted or where bingo supplies are 1608
manufactured or distributed; 1609

(5) Take any other necessary and reasonable action to 1610
determine if a violation of any provision of this chapter has 1611
occurred and to determine whether section 2915.11 of the Revised 1612
Code has been complied with. 1613

If any law enforcement agency has reasonable grounds to 1614
believe that a charitable organization, entity described in 1615

division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, 1616
distributor, or manufacturer or an officer, agent, trustee, 1617
member, or employee of the organization, entity, distributor, or 1618
manufacturer has violated any provision of this chapter, the law 1619
enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to 1620
enforce this chapter, provided that the law enforcement agency 1621
shall give written notice to the attorney general when 1622
commencing an action as described in this division. 1623

(I) No person shall destroy, alter, conceal, withhold, or 1624
deny access to any accounts or records of a charitable 1625
organization, entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1626
2915.16 of the Revised Code, distributor, or manufacturer that 1627
have been requested for examination, or obstruct, impede, or 1628
interfere with any inspection, audit, or observation of bingo or 1629
a game of chance, of premises where bingo or a game of chance is 1630
conducted, or of premises where bingo supplies are manufactured 1631
or distributed, or refuse to comply with any reasonable request 1632
of, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any other reasonable 1633
action undertaken by, the attorney general or a law enforcement 1634
agency pursuant to division (H) of this section. 1635

(J) Whoever violates division (A) or (I) of this section 1636
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1637

Sec. 2915.101. Except as otherwise provided by law, a 1638
charitable organization that conducts instant bingo or 1639
electronic instant bingo, or an entity described in division (A) 1640
(1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code that is required 1641
to have an online raffle license under section 2915.17 of the 1642
Revised Code, shall distribute the net profit from the proceeds 1643
of the sale of instant bingo ~~or~~, electronic instant bingo, or 1644
online raffles as follows: 1645

(A) (1) If a veteran's organization, a fraternal
organization, or a sporting organization or an entity described
in division (A) (1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code
conducted the instant bingo~~or~~, electronic instant bingo, or
online raffles, the organization or entity shall distribute the
net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo~~or~~,
electronic instant bingo, or online raffles as follows:

(a) For the first two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or a
greater amount prescribed by the attorney general to adjust for
changes in prices as measured by the consumer price index as
defined in section 325.18 of the Revised Code and other factors
affecting the organization's or entity's expenses, as defined in
division (GG) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, or less of
net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo~~or~~,
electronic instant bingo, or online raffles generated in a
calendar year:

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Forty-five per cent may be deducted and retained by the organization or entity for reimbursement of or for the organization's or entity's expenses, as defined in division (GG) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, in conducting the instant bingo ~~or~~, electronic instant bingo ~~game~~, or online raffle.

(2) If a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization or an entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code does not distribute the full percentages specified in divisions (A) (1) (a) and (b) of this section for the purposes specified in those divisions, the organization or entity shall distribute the balance of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo ~~or~~, electronic instant bingo, or online raffles not distributed or retained for those purposes to an organization described in division (V) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) If a charitable organization other than a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting organization ~~conducted the~~ conducts instant bingo ~~or electronic instant bingo~~, the organization shall distribute one hundred per cent of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo ~~or electronic instant bingo~~ to an organization described

in division (V) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code or to 1706
a department or agency of the federal government, the state, or 1707
any political subdivision. 1708

(C) Nothing in this section prohibits a veteran's 1709
organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting 1710
organization or an entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of 1711
section 2915.16 of the Revised Code from distributing any net 1712
profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo ~~or~~, 1713
electronic instant bingo, or online raffles to an organization 1714
that is described in subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal 1715
Revenue Code when the organization that is described in 1716
subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code is one that 1717
makes donations to other organizations and permits donors to 1718
advise or direct such donations so long as the donations comply 1719
with requirements established in or pursuant to subsection 1720
501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1721

Sec. 2915.14. (A) No charitable organization shall conduct 1722
electronic instant bingo unless all of the following are true: 1723

(1) The organization is a veteran's organization described 1724
in division (J) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, or is a 1725
fraternal organization described in division (L) of section 1726
2915.01 of the Revised Code, and the organization qualified as a 1727
veteran's organization or fraternal organization, as applicable, 1728
on or before June 30, 2021. 1729

(2) The organization is a veteran's organization described 1730
in subsection 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code or is, and 1731
has received from the internal revenue service a determination 1732
letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization 1733
is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), 1734
and is described in subsection 501(c) (7), 501(c) (8), 501(c) (10), 1735

or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1736

(3) The organization has not conducted a raffle in 1737
violation of division (B) of section 2915.092 of the Revised 1738
Code, as that section existed immediately before the effective 1739
date of this amendment, or in violation of division (A) of 1740
section 2915.18 of the Revised Code, using an electronic raffle 1741
machine, as described in Ohio Veterans and Fraternal Charitable 1742
Coalition v. DeWine, Case No. 13-CV-13610 (C.P. Franklin Co. 1743
February 23, 2018), at any time on or after January 1, 2022. 1744

(B) No charitable organization that conducts electronic 1745
instant bingo shall do any of the following: 1746

(1) Possess an electronic instant bingo system that was 1747
not obtained in accordance with this chapter or with any rule 1748
adopted under this chapter; 1749

(2) Conduct electronic instant bingo on any day, at any 1750
time, or on any premises not specified on the organization's 1751
type II or type III license issued under section 2915.08 of the 1752
Revised Code; 1753

(3) Hold more than one valid license to conduct electronic 1754
instant bingo at any one time; 1755

(4) Conduct electronic instant bingo on more than one 1756
premises or on any premises other than the charitable 1757
organization's principal place of business; 1758

(5) Operate more than ten electronic bingo systems at the 1759
premises on which the charitable organization conducts 1760
electronic instant bingo under its license; 1761

(6) Fail to display both of the following conspicuously at 1762
the premises on which the charitable organization conducts 1763

electronic instant bingo: 1764

(a) The charitable organization's bingo license; 1765

(b) The serial number of each deal of electronic instant 1766
bingo tickets being sold. 1767

(7) Permit any person the charitable organization knows, 1768
or should have known, to be under eighteen years of age to play 1769
electronic instant bingo; 1770

(8) Sell or provide to any person an electronic instant 1771
bingo ticket for a price different from the price displayed on 1772
the game flare for that deal, except that the charitable 1773
organization may give a participant who wins an electronic 1774
instant bingo game an electronic instant bingo ticket as a prize 1775
in place of a cash prize; 1776

(9) Fail, once an electronic instant bingo deal is begun, 1777
to continue to sell tickets in that deal until all prizes have 1778
been awarded; 1779

(10) Permit any person whom the organization knows, or 1780
should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling 1781
offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator in the 1782
conduct of electronic instant bingo; 1783

(11) Permit a bingo game operator to play electronic 1784
instant bingo; 1785

(12) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (12) 1786
(b) of this section, pay compensation to a bingo game operator 1787
for conducting electronic instant bingo. 1788

(b) Division (B) (12) (a) of this section does not prohibit 1789
an employee of a veteran's organization or fraternal 1790
organization from redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets or 1791

vouchers for the organization's members or invited guests, so 1792
long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from 1793
any bingo receipts. 1794

(13) Pay consulting fees to any person in relation to 1795
electronic instant bingo. 1796

(C) No person shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise 1797
provide or offer to provide an electronic instant bingo system 1798
to any person for use in this state unless the electronic 1799
instant bingo system has been approved under section 2915.15 of 1800
the Revised Code. 1801

(D) The attorney general shall adopt rules under Chapter 1802
119. of the Revised Code to ensure the integrity of electronic 1803
instant bingo, including, but not limited to, rules governing 1804
all of the following: 1805

(1) The requirements to receive a license or endorsement 1806
to conduct electronic instant bingo; 1807

(2) The location and number of electronic instant bingo 1808
systems in use, which shall not exceed ten at the single 1809
licensed location per organization; 1810

(3) The times when electronic instant bingo may be 1811
offered; 1812

(4) Signage requirements in facilities where electronic 1813
instant bingo is offered; 1814

(5) Electronic instant bingo device and system 1815
specifications, including reveal features and game themes; 1816

(6) Procedures and standards for the review, approval, 1817
inspection, and monitoring of electronic instant bingo systems, 1818
as described in section 2915.15 of the Revised Code; 1819

(7) Procedures and standards for the review and approval 1820
of any changes to technology, systems, or games licensed or 1821
permitted under this chapter; 1822

(8) The fees to be charged under section 2915.15 of the 1823
Revised Code for review, approval, inspection, and monitoring of 1824
electronic instant bingo systems; 1825

(9) Procedures allowing the attorney general to seek a 1826
summary suspension of a license to conduct electronic instant 1827
bingo or a license to manufacture or distribute electronic 1828
instant bingo systems if the attorney general has good cause to 1829
believe that the person or organization licensed to conduct 1830
electronic instant bingo, or the person or organization licensed 1831
to manufacture or distribute electronic instant bingo systems, 1832
or any of the organization's employees, officers, directors, 1833
agents, representatives, or partners, has violated this chapter 1834
or a rule adopted under this chapter. 1835

(E) Whoever knowingly violates division (A), (B), or (C) 1836
of this section or a rule adopted under division (D) of this 1837
section is guilty of illegal electronic instant bingo conduct. 1838
Illegal electronic instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the 1839
first degree, except that if the offender previously has been 1840
convicted of a violation of division (A) or (B) of this section 1841
or of a rule adopted under division (D) of this section, illegal 1842
instant bingo conduct is a felony of the fifth degree. 1843

Sec. ~~2915.092~~ 2915.16. (A) (1) ~~Subject to division (A) (2)~~ 1844
~~of this section, a person or entity~~ Any of the following 1845
entities may conduct a raffle to raise money for the ~~person or~~ 1846
~~entity and does not need a license to conduct bingo in order to~~ 1847
~~conduct a raffle drawing that is not for profit if the person or~~ 1848
~~entity is any of the following:~~ 1849

(a) ~~Exempt~~ An entity that is exempt from federal income 1850
taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 1851
501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; 1852

(b) A school district, community school established under 1853
Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under 1854
Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college-preparatory boarding 1855
school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code, or 1856
chartered nonpublic school; 1857

(c) ~~Exempt~~ An entity that is exempt from federal income 1858
taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 1859
501(c) (4), 501(c) (6), 501(c) (7), 501(c) (8), 501(c) (10), or 1860
501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1861

(2) ~~If a person or~~ Except as otherwise provided in 1862
division (A) (3) of this section, an entity that is described in 1863
division (A) (1) (c) of this section that conducts a raffle, ~~the~~ 1864
~~person or entity~~ shall distribute at least fifty per cent of the 1865
net profit from the raffle to a charitable purpose described in 1866
division (V) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code or to a 1867
department or agency of the federal government, the state, or 1868
any political subdivision. 1869

(3) An entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of this 1870
section that conducts an online raffle and that had two hundred 1871
fifty thousand dollars or more in gross receipts from the 1872
conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year shall 1873
distribute the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of the 1874
online raffle in accordance with section 2915.101 of the Revised 1875
Code. 1876

~~(B) Except as provided~~ (B) (1) An entity described in 1877
division ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) of this section, ~~no person shall conduct a~~ 1878

~~raffle drawing that is for profit or a raffle drawing that is~~ 1879
~~not for profit~~ is not required to have a license issued under 1880
this chapter in order to conduct a traditional raffle to raise 1881
money for the entity. 1882

(2) All of the following apply with respect to a 1883
traditional raffle conducted under this section: 1884

(a) The entity conducting the raffle may accept electronic 1885
payment from a participant for a ticket and may sell a ticket to 1886
a participant over the internet or by other remote means, so 1887
long as the entity conducting the raffle delivers the physical 1888
ticket or an image of the physical ticket to the participant 1889
before the drawing is held. 1890

(b) A participant is not required to be physically present 1891
at the drawing to win a prize. 1892

(c) The entity conducting the raffle may award a raffle 1893
prize in the form of an item of tangible personal property, 1894
cash, or a cash equivalent, including a gift card or other 1895
prepaid or stored value card. 1896

(d) If any prize is in the form of cash or a cash 1897
equivalent, the entity conducting the raffle shall hold the 1898
drawing at an event at which participants are invited to be 1899
physically present. 1900

~~(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is~~ 1901
~~guilty of illegal conduct of a raffle. Except as otherwise~~ 1902
~~provided in this division, illegal conduct of a raffle is a~~ 1903
~~misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has~~ 1904
~~been convicted of a violation of (C) (1) (a) Except as otherwise~~ 1905
~~provided in division (C) (1) (b) of this section, an entity~~ 1906
~~described in division (B) (A) (1) of this section, illegal~~ 1907

conduct of a raffle is a felony of the fifth degree is not 1908
required to have a license issued under this chapter in order to 1909
conduct an online raffle to raise money for the person. 1910

(b) An entity described in division (A) (1) of this section 1911
that had two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross 1912
receipts from the conduct of online raffles in the previous 1913
calendar year shall obtain a license under section 2915.17 of 1914
the Revised Code before conducting an online raffle. 1915

(2) All of the following apply with respect to an online 1916
raffle conducted under this section: 1917

(a) The entity conducting the raffle shall conduct the 1918
drawing at least twenty-four hours after the last ticket is sold 1919
for that drawing. 1920

(b) A participant in an online raffle is not required to 1921
be physically present at the drawing to win a prize. 1922

(c) The entity conducting the raffle may award a raffle 1923
prize only in the form of an item of tangible personal property. 1924
The entity conducting the raffle shall not award any prize in 1925
the form of cash or a cash equivalent, including a gift card or 1926
other prepaid or stored value card. 1927

Sec. 2915.17. (A) (1) An entity described in division (A) 1928
(1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code that desires to 1929
conduct an online raffle during a calendar year and that had two 1930
hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross receipts from 1931
the conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year 1932
shall apply to the attorney general for an online raffle license 1933
before the first day of January of the year in which the online 1934
raffle is to be conducted. 1935

(2) An initial or renewed online raffle license is valid 1936

for one year. An applicant shall apply for a renewed license in 1937
the same manner as for an initial license. 1938

(3) Subject to division (H) of this section, an 1939
application for an initial or renewed online raffle license 1940
shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount prescribed by the 1941
attorney general by rule under section 111.15 of the Revised 1942
Code. 1943

(B) Subject to division (H) of this section, an 1944
application for an online raffle license shall be on a form 1945
prescribed by the attorney general, shall be signed and sworn to 1946
by the applicant, and shall contain all of the following: 1947

(1) The name and post office address of the applicant; 1948

(2) A statement that the applicant is an entity described 1949
in division (A)(1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code; 1950

(3) In the case of an application for an initial online 1951
raffle license, a statement of the applicant's previous history, 1952
record, and association that is sufficient to establish that the 1953
applicant is an entity described in division (A)(1) of section 1954
2915.16 of the Revised Code, including, if applicable, a copy of 1955
a determination letter issued by the internal revenue service; 1956

(4) Identification of any online raffle platform or 1957
platforms the applicant intends to use. If the license is 1958
granted and the applicant later wishes to use a different online 1959
raffle platform, the applicant shall submit a notice to the 1960
attorney general, on a form prescribed by the attorney general, 1961
identifying the online raffle platform before the applicant uses 1962
it. 1963

(5) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever had 1964
any previous application refused under this chapter, whether it 1965

previously has had a license revoked or suspended under this 1966
chapter, and the reason stated by the attorney general for the 1967
refusal, revocation, or suspension; 1968

(6) In the case of an entity described in division (A) (1) 1969
(c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, an affirmation that 1970
the net profit from the proceeds of the online raffles will be 1971
distributed in accordance with section 2915.101 of the Revised 1972
Code and a statement of how the net profit will be distributed; 1973

(7) A statement that the applicant maintains all required 1974
records of its raffles under section 2915.10 of the Revised Code 1975
and the location at which those records are kept; 1976

(8) If the applicant is a charitable trust as defined in 1977
section 109.23 of the Revised Code, a statement as to whether it 1978
has registered with the attorney general pursuant to section 1979
109.26 of the Revised Code or filed annual reports pursuant to 1980
section 109.31 of the Revised Code, and, if it is not required 1981
to do either, the exemption in section 109.26 or 109.31 of the 1982
Revised Code that applies to it; 1983

(9) If the applicant is a charitable organization as 1984
defined in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code, a statement as 1985
to whether it has filed with the attorney general a registration 1986
statement pursuant to section 1716.02 of the Revised Code and a 1987
financial report pursuant to section 1716.04 of the Revised 1988
Code, and, if it is not required to do both, the exemption in 1989
section 1716.03 of the Revised Code that applies to it; 1990

(10) In the case of an applicant seeking to qualify as a 1991
youth athletic park organization, a statement issued by a board 1992
or body vested with authority under Chapter 755. of the Revised 1993
Code for the supervision and maintenance of recreation 1994

facilities in the territory in which the organization is 1995
located, certifying that the playing fields owned by the 1996
organization were open for use to all residents of that 1997
territory, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or 1998
national origin, for athletic activities by youth athletic 1999
organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, 2000
color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, and that the 2001
fields were not used for any profit-making activity at any time 2002
during the year. That type of board or body is authorized to 2003
issue the statement upon request and shall issue the statement 2004
if it finds that the applicant's playing fields were so used. 2005

(11) Other necessary and reasonable information that the 2006
attorney general may require by rule adopted pursuant to section 2007
111.15 of the Revised Code. 2008

(C) As soon as practicable after receiving an application 2009
for an initial or renewed online raffle license, the attorney 2010
general shall conduct a preliminary review of the application 2011
and notify the applicant regarding any deficiencies. Not later 2012
than thirty days after the attorney general receives a completed 2013
application, or not later than thirty days after the application 2014
is submitted if the attorney general does not notify the 2015
applicant of any deficiency, the attorney general shall grant, 2016
grant with limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions, or 2017
deny the application based on findings established and 2018
communicated in accordance with this section. As an option to 2019
granting, granting with limits, restrictions, or probationary 2020
conditions, or denying an initial license application, the 2021
attorney general may grant a temporary license and request 2022
additional time to conduct the investigation if the attorney 2023
general has cause to believe that additional time is necessary 2024
to complete the investigation and has notified the applicant in 2025

writing about the specific concerns raised during the 2026
investigation. 2027

(D) (1) If any of the following applies to an entity, the 2028
attorney general may refuse to grant an online raffle license to 2029
the entity, may revoke or suspend the entity's online raffle 2030
license, or may place limits, restrictions, or probationary 2031
conditions on the entity's online raffle license for a limited 2032
or indefinite period, as determined by the attorney general: 2033

(a) The entity fails or has failed at any time to meet any 2034
requirement of this chapter, of section 109.26, 109.31, or 2035
1716.02 of the Revised Code, or of any rule adopted by the 2036
attorney general pursuant to this chapter. 2037

(b) The entity makes or has made an incorrect or false 2038
statement that is material to the granting of the license in an 2039
application filed under this section. 2040

(c) The entity submits or has submitted any incorrect or 2041
false information relating to an application if the information 2042
is material to the granting of the license. 2043

(d) The entity maintains or has maintained any incorrect 2044
or false information that is material to the granting of the 2045
license in the records required to be kept pursuant to section 2046
2915.10 of the Revised Code, if applicable. 2047

(e) The attorney general has good cause to believe that 2048
the entity will not conduct online raffles in accordance with 2049
this chapter or with any rule adopted by the attorney general 2050
pursuant to this chapter. 2051

(2) If the attorney general has good cause to believe that 2052
any director or officer of the entity has breached the 2053
director's or officer's fiduciary duty to, or committed theft or 2054

any other type of misconduct related to, the entity or any other 2055
entity that has been issued an online raffle license under this 2056
chapter, the attorney general may refuse to grant a license to 2057
the entity, may impose limits, restrictions, or probationary 2058
conditions on the license, or may revoke or suspend the entity's 2059
license for a period not to exceed five years. 2060

(3) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on an 2061
entity licensed under this section for failure to comply with 2062
any restrictions, limits, or probationary conditions on its 2063
license, and for failure to comply with this chapter or any rule 2064
adopted under this chapter, according to a schedule of fines 2065
that the attorney general shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 2066
119. of the Revised Code. 2067

(4) For the purposes of division (D) of this section, any 2068
action of an officer, trustee, agent, or representative of an 2069
entity is an action of the entity. 2070

(E) The attorney general shall send notice of any of the 2071
following actions in writing to the prosecuting attorney and 2072
sheriff of the county in which the entity is located and to any 2073
other law enforcement agency in that county that so requests, of 2074
all of the following: 2075

(1) The issuance of a license under this section; 2076

(2) The issuance of an amended license under this section; 2077

(3) The rejection of an application for and refusal to 2078
grant a license under this section; 2079

(4) The revocation of any license previously issued under 2080
this section; 2081

(5) The suspension of any license previously issued under 2082

this section;

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(6) The placing of any limits, restrictions, or
probationary conditions placed on a license issued under this
section.

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(F) A license issued by the attorney general under this
section shall set forth the information contained on the
entity's application that the attorney general determines is
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(G) If the attorney general refuses to grant, places
limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revokes
or suspends a license, the attorney general shall notify the
entity in writing and specifically identify the reason for the
refusal, revocation, limit, restriction, probationary condition,
or suspension in narrative form and, if applicable, by
identifying the section of the Revised Code violated. The
failure of the attorney general to give the written notice of
the reasons for the refusal, revocation, limit, restriction,
probationary condition, or suspension or a mistake in the
written notice does not affect the validity of the attorney
general's refusal to grant, or the revocation or suspension of,
or limit, restriction, probationary condition on, a license. If
the attorney general fails to give the written notice or if
there is a mistake in the written notice, the entity may bring
an action to compel the attorney general to comply with this
division or to correct the mistake, but the attorney general's
order refusing to grant, or placing a limit, restriction, or
probationary condition on, or revoking or suspending, a license
shall not be enjoined during the pendency of the action.

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(H) A charitable organization that applies for an online
raffle license under this section at the same time as the

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organization applies for a bingo license under section 2915.08 2113
of the Revised Code is not required to pay the fee described in 2114
division (A) (3) of this section and is not required to submit 2115
any information or documentation with its application for an 2116
online raffle license that is the same as the information or 2117
documentation the organization is required to submit with its 2118
application for a bingo license. The attorney general shall 2119
prescribe a combined application form for a bingo license and an 2120
online raffle license in order to carry out the purposes of this 2121
division. 2122

Sec. 2915.18. (A) Except as permitted under section 2123
2915.16 of the Revised Code, no person or entity shall knowingly 2124
conduct a raffle that is for profit or a raffle that is not for 2125
profit. 2126

(B) No entity that conducts an online raffle and that had 2127
two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross receipts 2128
from the conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year 2129
shall knowingly do either of the following: 2130

(1) Fail to have a current and valid online raffle license 2131
issued under section 2915.17 of the Revised Code; 2132

(2) Fail to distribute the net profit from the proceeds of 2133
the online raffle in accordance with section 2915.101 of the 2134
Revised Code. 2135

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal 2136
conduct of a raffle. Except as otherwise provided in this 2137
division, illegal conduct of a raffle is a misdemeanor of the 2138
first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a 2139
violation of this section, illegal conduct of a raffle is a 2140
felony of the fifth degree. 2141

Section 2. That existing sections 109.32, 2915.01, 2142
2915.07, 2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.092, 2915.10, 2143
2915.101, and 2915.14 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2144

Section 3. The requirements of sections 2915.101, 2915.092 2145
(2915.16), 2915.17, and 2915.18 of the Revised Code, as amended 2146
or enacted by this act, with respect to an entity that had two 2147
hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross receipts from 2148
the conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year 2149
apply only to gross receipts from online raffles conducted on or 2150
after the effective date of this section. 2151

Section 4. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 2152
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 2153
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 2154
ensure that charitable organizations are able to continue 2155
raising necessary funds for their operations. Therefore, this 2156
act shall go into immediate effect. 2157