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To amend sections 109.32, 2915.01, 2915.07, 1  
2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.092, 2915.093, 2  
2915.10, 2915.101, and 2915.14; to amend, for 3  
the purpose of adopting a new section number as 4  
indicated in parentheses, section 2915.092 5  
(2915.16); and to enact sections 2915.17, 6  
2915.18, 2915.19, and 2915.20 of the Revised 7  
Code to authorize online raffles and make 8  
related changes to the Charitable Gaming Law and 9  
to declare an emergency. 10

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

**Section 1.** That sections 109.32, 2915.01, 2915.07, 11  
2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.092, 2915.093, 2915.10, 12  
2915.101, and 2915.14 be amended; section 2915.092 (2915.16) be 13  
amended for the purpose of adopting a new section number as 14  
indicated in parentheses; and sections 2915.17, 2915.18, 15  
2915.19, and 2915.20 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 16  
follows: 17

**Sec. 109.32.** (A) All annual filing fees obtained by the 18  
attorney general pursuant to section 109.31 of the Revised Code, 19



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all receipts obtained from the sale of the charitable foundations directory, all registration fees received by the attorney general, bond forfeitures, awards of costs and attorney's fees, and civil penalties assessed under Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code, all license fees received by the attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code, all fees received by the attorney general under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code, all registration and license fees received by the attorney general under sections 2915.17 and 2915.18 of the Revised Code, and all filing fees received by the attorney general under divisions (F) and (G) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the charitable law fund.

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

(2) All annual license fees that are received by the attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code, all registration and license fees received by the attorney general under sections 2915.17 and 2915.18 of the Revised Code, and all filing fees received by the attorney general under divisions (F) and (G) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code, that are credited to the fund shall be used by the attorney general, or any law enforcement agency in cooperation with the attorney general, for the purposes specified in division (H) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code and to administer and enforce Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code.

(3) All fees received by the attorney general under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code that are credited to the

fund shall be used for the purposes specified in that section.	50
(C) The expenses of the charitable law section in excess of moneys available in the charitable law fund shall be paid out of regular appropriations to the office of the attorney general.	51
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<b>Sec. 2915.01.</b> As used in this chapter:	54
(A) "Bookmaking" means the business of receiving or paying off bets.	55
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(B) "Bet" means the hazarding of anything of value upon the result of an event, undertaking, or contingency, but does not include a bona fide business risk.	57
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(C) "Scheme of chance" means a slot machine unless authorized under Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code, lottery unless authorized under Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code, numbers game, pool conducted for profit, or other scheme in which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance to win a prize, but does not include bingo, a skill-based amusement machine, or a pool not conducted for profit. "Scheme of chance" includes the use of an electronic device to reveal the results of a game entry if valuable consideration is paid, directly or indirectly, for a chance to win a prize. Valuable consideration is deemed to be paid for a chance to win a prize in the following instances:	60
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(1) Less than fifty per cent of the goods or services sold by a scheme of chance operator in exchange for game entries are used or redeemed by participants at any one location;	72
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(2) Less than fifty per cent of participants who purchase goods or services at any one location do not accept, use, or redeem the goods or services sold or purportedly sold;	75
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(3) More than fifty per cent of prizes at any one location are revealed to participants through an electronic device simulating a game of chance or a "casino game" as defined in section 3772.01 of the Revised Code;	78 79 80 81
(4) The good or service sold by a scheme of chance operator in exchange for a game entry cannot be used or redeemed in the manner advertised;	82 83 84
(5) A participant pays more than fair market value for goods or services offered by a scheme of chance operator in order to receive one or more game entries;	85 86 87
(6) A participant may use the electronic device to purchase additional game entries;	88 89
(7) A participant may purchase additional game entries by using points or credits won as prizes while using the electronic device;	90 91 92
(8) A scheme of chance operator pays out in prize money more than twenty per cent of the gross revenue received at one location; or	93 94 95
(9) A participant makes a purchase or exchange in order to obtain any good or service that may be used to facilitate play on the electronic device.	96 97 98
As used in this division, "electronic device" means a mechanical, video, digital, or electronic machine or device that is capable of displaying information on a screen or other mechanism and that is owned, leased, or otherwise possessed by any person conducting a scheme of chance, or by that person's partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, or contractors. "Electronic device" does not include an electronic instant bingo system <u>or</u> an online raffle platform.	99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106

(D) "Game of chance" means poker, craps, roulette, or other game in which a player gives anything of value in the hope of gain, the outcome of which is determined largely by chance, but does not include bingo.	107 108 109 110
(E) "Game of chance conducted for profit" means any game of chance designed to produce income for the person who conducts or operates the game of chance, but does not include bingo.	111 112 113
(F) "Gambling device" means any of the following:	114
(1) A book, totalizer, or other equipment for recording bets;	115 116
(2) A ticket, token, or other device representing a chance, share, or interest in a scheme of chance or evidencing a bet;	117 118 119
(3) A deck of cards, dice, gaming table, roulette wheel, slot machine, or other apparatus designed for use in connection with a game of chance;	120 121 122
(4) Any equipment, device, apparatus, or paraphernalia specially designed for gambling purposes;	123 124
(5) Bingo supplies sold or otherwise provided, or used, in violation of this chapter.	125 126
(G) "Gambling offense" means any of the following:	127
(1) A violation of this chapter;	128
(2) A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States substantially equivalent to any provision of this chapter or a violation of section 2915.06 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;	129 130 131 132 133

(3) An offense under an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States, of which gambling is an element;	134 135 136
(4) A conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing, any offense under division (G)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.	137 138 139
(H) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, "charitable organization" means either of the following:	140 141
(1) An organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;	142 143 144
(2) A volunteer rescue service organization, volunteer firefighter's organization, veteran's organization, fraternal organization, or sporting organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(c)(4), (c)(7), (c)(8), (c)(10), or (c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code.	145 146 147 148 149
To qualify as a "charitable organization," an organization shall have been in continuous existence as such in this state for a period of two years immediately preceding either the making of an application for a bingo license under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or the conducting of any game of chance as provided in division (D) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code.	150 151 152 153 154 155 156
(I) "Religious organization" means any church, body of communicants, or group that is not organized or operated for profit and that gathers in common membership for regular worship and religious observances.	157 158 159 160
(J) "Veteran's organization" means any individual post or state headquarters of a national veteran's association or an	161 162

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

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

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

(M) "Volunteer rescue service organization" means any organization of volunteers organized to function as an emergency

medical service organization, as defined in section 4765.01 of 193  
the Revised Code. 194

(N) "Charitable bingo game" means any bingo game described 195  
in division (O)(1) or (2) of this section that is conducted by a 196  
charitable organization that has obtained a license pursuant to 197  
section 2915.08 of the Revised Code and the proceeds of which 198  
are used for a charitable purpose. 199

(O) "Bingo" means either of the following: 200

(1) A game with all of the following characteristics: 201

(a) The participants use bingo cards or sheets, including 202  
paper formats and electronic representation or image formats, 203  
that are divided into twenty-five spaces arranged in five 204  
horizontal and five vertical rows of spaces, with each space, 205  
except the central space, being designated by a combination of a 206  
letter and a number and with the central space being designated 207  
as a free space. 208

(b) The participants cover the spaces on the bingo cards 209  
or sheets that correspond to combinations of letters and numbers 210  
that are announced by a bingo game operator. 211

(c) A bingo game operator announces combinations of 212  
letters and numbers that appear on objects that a bingo game 213  
operator selects by chance, either manually or mechanically, 214  
from a receptacle that contains seventy-five objects at the 215  
beginning of each game, each object marked by a different 216  
combination of a letter and a number that corresponds to one of 217  
the seventy-five possible combinations of a letter and a number 218  
that can appear on the bingo cards or sheets. 219

(d) The winner of the bingo game includes any participant 220  
who properly announces during the interval between the 221

announcements of letters and numbers as described in division	222
(O) (1) (c) of this section, that a predetermined and preannounced	223
pattern of spaces has been covered on a bingo card or sheet	224
being used by the participant.	225
(2) Instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, and raffles.	226
(P) "Conduct" means to back, promote, organize, manage,	227
carry on, sponsor, or prepare for the operation of bingo or a	228
game of chance, a scheme of chance, or a sweepstakes.	229
(Q) "Bingo game operator" means any person, except	230
security personnel, who performs work or labor at the site of	231
bingo, including, but not limited to, collecting money from	232
participants, handing out bingo cards or sheets or objects to	233
cover spaces on bingo cards or sheets, selecting from a	234
receptacle the objects that contain the combination of letters	235
and numbers that appear on bingo cards or sheets, calling out	236
the combinations of letters and numbers, distributing prizes,	237
selling or redeeming instant bingo tickets or cards, selling or	238
redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets, credits, or	239
vouchers, accessing an electronic instant bingo system other	240
than as a participant, supervising the operation of a punch	241
board, selling raffle tickets, selecting raffle tickets from a	242
receptacle and announcing the winning numbers in a raffle, and	243
preparing, selling, and serving food or beverages. "Bingo game	244
operator" does not include a person who is installing,	245
maintaining, updating, or repairing an electronic instant bingo	246
system <u>or a person who operates an online raffle platform.</u>	247
(R) "Participant" means any person who plays bingo.	248
(S) "Bingo session" means a period that includes both of	249
the following:	250

(1) Not to exceed five continuous hours for the conduct of one or more games described in division (O) (1) of this section, instant bingo, and electronic instant bingo;	251 252 253
(2) A period for the conduct of instant bingo and electronic instant bingo for not more than two hours before and not more than two hours after the period described in division (S) (1) of this section.	254 255 256 257
(T) "Gross receipts" means all money or assets, including admission fees, that a person receives from bingo without the deduction of any amounts for prizes paid out or for the expenses of conducting bingo. "Gross receipts" does not include any money directly taken in from the sale of food or beverages by a charitable organization conducting bingo, or by a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of a charitable organization conducting bingo, provided all of the following apply:	258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265
(1) The auxiliary unit or society has been in existence as a bona fide auxiliary unit or society of the charitable organization for at least two years prior to conducting bingo.	266 267 268
(2) The person who purchases the food or beverage receives nothing of value except the food or beverage and items customarily received with the purchase of that food or beverage.	269 270 271
(3) The food and beverages are sold at customary and reasonable prices.	272 273
(U) "Security personnel" includes any person who either is a sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, township constable, or member of an organized police department of a municipal corporation or has successfully completed a peace officer's training course pursuant to sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code and who is hired to provide security for the	274 275 276 277 278 279

premises on which bingo is conducted.	280
(V) "Charitable purpose" means that the net profit of bingo, other than instant bingo or electronic instant bingo, is used by, or is given, donated, or otherwise transferred to, any of the following:	281
(1) Any organization that is described in subsection 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is either a governmental unit or an organization that is tax exempt under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;	285
(2) A veteran's organization that is a post, chapter, or organization of veterans, or an auxiliary unit or society of, or a trust or foundation for, any such post, chapter, or organization organized in the United States or any of its possessions, at least seventy-five per cent of the members of which are veterans and substantially all of the other members of which are individuals who are spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, or such individuals, provided that no part of the net earnings of such post, chapter, or organization inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and further provided that the net profit is used by the post, chapter, or organization for the charitable purposes set forth in division (B)(12) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, is used for awarding scholarships to or for attendance at an institution mentioned in division (B)(12) of section 5739.02 of the Revised Code, is donated to a governmental agency, or is used for nonprofit youth activities, the purchase of United States or Ohio flags that are donated to schools, youth groups, or other bona fide nonprofit organizations, promotion of patriotism, or disaster relief;	290

(3) A fraternal organization that has been in continuous	310
existence in this state for fifteen years and that uses the net	311
profit exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific,	312
literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of	313
cruelty to children or animals, if contributions for such use	314
would qualify as a deductible charitable contribution under	315
subsection 170 of the Internal Revenue Code;	316
(4) A volunteer firefighter's organization that uses the	317
net profit for the purposes set forth in division (K) of this	318
section.	319
(W) "Internal Revenue Code" means the "Internal Revenue	320
Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 1, as now or hereafter	321
amended.	322
(X) "Youth athletic organization" means any organization,	323
not organized for profit, that is organized and operated	324
exclusively to provide financial support to, or to operate,	325
athletic activities for persons who are twenty-one years of age	326
or younger by means of sponsoring, organizing, operating, or	327
contributing to the support of an athletic team, club, league,	328
or association.	329
(Y) "Youth athletic park organization" means any	330
organization, not organized for profit, that satisfies both of	331
the following:	332
(1) It owns, operates, and maintains playing fields that	333
satisfy both of the following:	334
(a) The playing fields are used for athletic activities by	335
one or more organizations, not organized for profit, each of	336
which is organized and operated exclusively to provide financial	337
support to, or to operate, athletic activities for persons who	338

are eighteen years of age or younger by means of sponsoring, 339  
organizing, operating, or contributing to the support of an 340  
athletic team, club, league, or association. 341

(b) The playing fields are not used for any profit-making 342  
activity at any time during the year. 343

(2) It uses the proceeds of bingo it conducts exclusively 344  
for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of its playing 345  
fields of the type described in division (Y)(1) of this section. 346

~~(Z)~~—(Z)(1) "Bingo supplies" means bingo cards or sheets; 347  
instant bingo tickets or cards; electronic bingo aids; ~~raffle~~ 348  
~~tickets;~~—punch boards; seal cards; instant bingo ticket 349  
dispensers; electronic instant bingo systems; online raffle 350  
platforms; and devices for selecting or displaying the 351  
combination of bingo letters and numbers—~~or raffle tickets.~~ 352

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(2) "Bingo supplies" does not include physical tickets or 354  
other equipment used to conduct a traditional raffle. 355

(3) Items that are "bingo supplies" are not gambling 356  
devices if sold or otherwise provided, and used, in accordance 357  
with this chapter. For 358

(4) For purposes of this chapter, "bingo supplies" are not 359  
to be considered equipment used to conduct a bingo game. 360

(AA) "Instant bingo" means a form of bingo that shall use 361  
folded or banded tickets or paper cards with perforated break- 362  
open tabs, a face of which is covered or otherwise hidden from 363  
view to conceal a number, letter, or symbol, or set of numbers, 364  
letters, or symbols, some of which have been designated in 365  
advance as prize winners, and may also include games in which 366  
some winners are determined by the random selection of one or 367

more bingo numbers by the use of a seal card or bingo blower. 368  
"Instant bingo" also includes a punch board game. In all 369  
"instant bingo" the prize amount and structure shall be 370  
predetermined. "Instant bingo" does not include electronic 371  
instant bingo or any device that is activated by the insertion 372  
of a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent, and that contains 373  
as one of its components a video display monitor that is capable 374  
of displaying numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in 375  
winning or losing combinations. 376

(BB) "Seal card" means a form of instant bingo that uses 377  
instant bingo tickets in conjunction with a board or placard 378  
that contains one or more seals that, when removed or opened, 379  
reveal predesignated winning numbers, letters, or symbols. 380

~~(CC)~~ (CC) (1) "Raffle" means a form of bingo in which the 381  
one or more prizes are won by one or more persons who have 382  
purchased a raffle ticket. ~~The~~ A raffle is conducted by one of 383  
the following methods: 384

(a) As a "traditional raffle," which means a raffle 385  
conducted by selling physical tickets to participants, then 386  
determining one or more winners of the raffle ~~are determined by~~ 387  
drawing a ticket stub or other detachable section from a 388  
receptacle containing ticket stubs or detachable sections 389  
corresponding to all tickets sold for the raffle. "Raffle" 390

(b) As an "online raffle," which means a raffle conducted 391  
by selling electronic representations of tickets to participants 392  
by means of an online raffle platform, with each ticket 393  
containing a unique identifier assigned by the platform, then 394  
determining one or more winners of the raffle by having the 395  
platform randomly select a unique ticket identifier from all 396  
tickets sold for the raffle. 397

<u>(2) "Online raffle platform"</u> means an internet web site, application, or electronic service used to conduct an online raffle.	398 399 400
<u>(3) "Raffle"</u> does not include the <del>drawing</del> <u>selection</u> of a ticket <del>stub or other detachable section of a ticket</del> purchased to attend a professional sporting event if both of the following apply:	401 402 403 404
<u>(1) (a) The ticket</u> <del>or ticket identifier</del> <del>stub or other</del> <del>detachable section</del> is used to select the winner of a free prize given away at the professional sporting event; and	405 406 407
<u>(2) (b) The cost</u> of the ticket is the same as the cost of a ticket to the professional sporting event on days when no free prize is given away.	408 409 410
<u>(DD) "Punch board"</u> means a form of instant bingo that uses a board containing a number of holes or receptacles of uniform size in which are placed, mechanically and randomly, serially numbered slips of paper that may be punched or drawn from the hole or receptacle. A player may punch or draw the numbered slips of paper from the holes or receptacles and obtain the prize established for the game if the number drawn corresponds to a winning number or, if the punch board includes the use of a seal card, a potential winning number.	411 412 413 414 415 416 417 418 419
<u>(EE) "Gross profit"</u> means gross receipts minus the amount actually expended for the payment of prize awards.	420 421
<u>(FF) "Net profit"</u> means gross profit minus expenses.	422
<u>(GG) "Expenses"</u> means the reasonable amount of gross profit actually expended for all of the following:	423 424
(1) The purchase or lease of bingo supplies;	425

(2) The annual license <u>or registration</u> fee required under section 2915.08, 2915.17, or 2915.18 of the Revised Code;	426 427
(3) Bank fees and service charges for a bingo session or game account described in section 2915.10 of the Revised Code;	428 429
(4) Audits and accounting services;	430
(5) Safes;	431
(6) Cash registers;	432
(7) Hiring security personnel;	433
(8) Advertising bingo;	434
(9) Renting premises in which to conduct a bingo session;	435
(10) Tables and chairs;	436
(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;	437 438 439 440 441
(12) Payment of real property taxes and assessments that are levied on a premises on which bingo is conducted;	442 443
(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.	444 445 446 447
(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.	448 449 450
(II) "Revoke" means to void permanently all rights and	451

privileges of the holder of a license issued under section	452
2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code or a	453
charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.	454
(JJ) "Suspend" means to interrupt temporarily all rights	455
and privileges of the holder of a license issued under section	456
2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of the Revised Code or a	457
charitable gaming license issued by another jurisdiction.	458
(KK) "Distributor" means any person who purchases or	459
obtains bingo supplies and who does either of the following:	460
(1) Sells, offers for sale, or otherwise provides or	461
offers to provide the bingo supplies to another person for use	462
in this state;	463
(2) Modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts from the	464
bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale for use in	465
this state.	466
(LL) "Manufacturer" means any person who assembles	467
completed bingo supplies from raw materials, other items, or	468
subparts or who modifies, converts, adds to, or removes parts	469
from bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale.	470
(MM) "Gross annual revenues" means the annual gross	471
receipts derived from the conduct of bingo described in division	472
(O) (1) of this section plus the annual net profit derived from	473
the conduct of bingo described in division (O) (2) of this	474
section.	475
(NN) "Instant bingo ticket dispenser" means a mechanical	476
device that dispenses an instant bingo ticket or card as the	477
sole item of value dispensed and that has the following	478
characteristics:	479

(1) It is activated upon the insertion of United States currency.	480 481
(2) It performs no gaming functions.	482
(3) It does not contain a video display monitor or generate noise.	483 484
(4) It is not capable of displaying any numbers, letters, symbols, or characters in winning or losing combinations.	485 486
(5) It does not simulate or display rolling or spinning reels.	487 488
(6) It is incapable of determining whether a dispensed bingo ticket or card is a winning or nonwinning ticket or card and requires a winning ticket or card to be paid by a bingo game operator.	489 490 491 492
(7) It may provide accounting and security features to aid in accounting for the instant bingo tickets or cards it dispenses.	493 494 495
(8) It is not part of an electronic network and is not interactive.	496 497
(OO) (1) "Electronic bingo aid" means an electronic device used by a participant to monitor bingo cards or sheets purchased at the time and place of a bingo session and that does all of the following:	498 499 500 501
(a) It provides a means for a participant to input numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller.	502 503
(b) It compares the numbers and letters entered by the participant to the bingo faces previously stored in the memory of the device.	504 505 506

(c) It identifies a winning bingo pattern.	507
(2) "Electronic bingo aid" does not include any device into which a coin, currency, token, or an equivalent is inserted to activate play.	508 509 510
(PP) "Deal" means a single game of instant bingo tickets, or a single game of electronic instant bingo tickets, all with the same serial number.	511 512 513
(QQ) (1) "Slot machine" means either of the following:	514
(a) Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player who gives the thing of value in the hope of gain;	515 516 517 518
(b) Any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player to conduct bingo or a scheme or game of chance.	519 520 521 522
(2) "Slot machine" does not include a skill-based amusement machine, an instant bingo ticket dispenser, <del>or</del> an electronic instant bingo system, <u>or an online raffle platform.</u>	523 524 525
(RR) "Net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo <del>or</del> , <u>electronic instant bingo, or online raffles</u> " means gross profit minus the ordinary, necessary, and reasonable expense expended for the purchase of bingo supplies for the purpose of conducting instant bingo <del>or</del> , <u>electronic instant bingo, or online raffles</u> and, in the case of instant bingo <del>or</del> , <u>electronic instant bingo, or online raffles</u> conducted by a veteran's, fraternal, or sporting organization <u>or an entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code</u> , minus the payment by that organization <u>or entity</u>	526 527 528 529 530 531 532 533 534 535

of real property taxes and assessments levied on a premises on 536  
which instant bingo ~~or~~, electronic instant bingo ~~is~~, or online 537  
raffles are conducted. 538

(SS) "Charitable instant bingo organization" means an 539  
organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under 540  
subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the 541  
Internal Revenue Code and is a charitable organization as 542  
defined in this section. A "charitable instant bingo" 543  
organization" does not include a charitable organization that is 544  
exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 545  
described in subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 546  
and that is created by a veteran's organization, a fraternal 547  
organization, or a sporting organization in regards to bingo 548  
conducted or assisted by a veteran's organization, a fraternal 549  
organization, or a sporting organization pursuant to section 550  
2915.13 of the Revised Code. 551

(TT) "Game flare" means the board or placard, or 552  
electronic representation of a board or placard, that 553  
accompanies each deal of instant bingo or electronic instant 554  
bingo tickets and that includes the following information for 555  
the game: 556

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

(6) The cost per play;	564
(7) The serial number of the game.	565
(UU) (1) "Skill-based amusement machine" means a mechanical, video, digital, or electronic device that rewards the player or players, if at all, only with merchandise prizes or with redeemable vouchers redeemable only for merchandise prizes, provided that with respect to rewards for playing the game all of the following apply:	566
(a) The wholesale value of a merchandise prize awarded as a result of the single play of a machine does not exceed ten dollars;	572
(b) Redeemable vouchers awarded for any single play of a machine are not redeemable for a merchandise prize with a wholesale value of more than ten dollars;	575
(c) Redeemable vouchers are not redeemable for a merchandise prize that has a wholesale value of more than ten dollars times the fewest number of single plays necessary to accrue the redeemable vouchers required to obtain that prize; and	578
(d) Any redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes are distributed at the site of the skill-based amusement machine at the time of play.	583
A card for the purchase of gasoline is a redeemable voucher for purposes of division (UU)(1) of this section even if the skill-based amusement machine for the play of which the card is awarded is located at a place where gasoline may not be legally distributed to the public or the card is not redeemable at the location of, or at the time of playing, the skill-based amusement machine.	586
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(2) A device shall not be considered a skill-based amusement machine and shall be considered a slot machine if it pays cash or one or more of the following apply:	593 594 595
(a) The ability of a player to succeed at the game is impacted by the number or ratio of prior wins to prior losses of players playing the game.	596 597 598
(b) Any reward of redeemable vouchers is not based solely on the player achieving the object of the game or the player's score;	599 600 601
(c) The outcome of the game, or the value of the redeemable voucher or merchandise prize awarded for winning the game, can be controlled by a source other than any player playing the game.	602 603 604 605
(d) The success of any player is or may be determined by a chance event that cannot be altered by player actions.	606 607
(e) The ability of any player to succeed at the game is determined by game features not visible or known to the player.	608 609
(f) The ability of the player to succeed at the game is impacted by the exercise of a skill that no reasonable player could exercise.	610 611 612
(3) All of the following apply to any machine that is operated as described in division (UU) (1) of this section:	613 614
(a) As used in division (UU) of this section, "game" and "play" mean one event from the initial activation of the machine until the results of play are determined without payment of additional consideration. An individual utilizing a machine that involves a single game, play, contest, competition, or tournament may be awarded redeemable vouchers or merchandise	615 616 617 618 619 620

prizes based on the results of play.	621
(b) Advance play for a single game, play, contest, competition, or tournament participation may be purchased. The cost of the contest, competition, or tournament participation may be greater than a single noncontest, competition, or tournament play.	622 623 624 625 626
(c) To the extent that the machine is used in a contest, competition, or tournament, that contest, competition, or tournament has a defined starting and ending date and is open to participants in competition for scoring and ranking results toward the awarding of redeemable vouchers or merchandise prizes that are stated prior to the start of the contest, competition, or tournament.	627 628 629 630 631 632 633
(4) For purposes of division (UU)(1) of this section, the mere presence of a device, such as a pin-setting, ball-releasing, or scoring mechanism, that does not contribute to or affect the outcome of the play of the game does not make the device a skill-based amusement machine.	634 635 636 637 638
(VV) "Merchandise prize" means any item of value, but shall not include any of the following:	639 640
(1) Cash, gift cards, or any equivalent thereof;	641
(2) Plays on games of chance, state lottery tickets, or bingo;	642 643
(3) Firearms, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages; or	644
(4) A redeemable voucher that is redeemable for any of the items listed in division (VV)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.	645 646
(WW) "Redeemable voucher" means any ticket, token, coupon, receipt, or other noncash representation of value.	647 648

(XX) "Pool not conducted for profit" means a scheme in  
which a participant gives a valuable consideration for a chance  
to win a prize and the total amount of consideration wagered is  
distributed to a participant or participants. 649  
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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. 653  
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(ZZ) "Community action agency" has the same meaning as in  
section 5101.311 of the Revised Code. 660  
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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: 662  
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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. 670  
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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. 673  
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(c) The device selects prizes from a predetermined finite  
pool of entries. 676  
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(d) The device utilizes a mechanism that reveals the content of a predetermined sweepstakes entry.	678 679
(e) The device predetermines the prize results and stores those results for delivery at the time the sweepstakes entry results are revealed.	680 681 682
(f) The device utilizes software to create a game result.	683
(g) The device reveals the prize incrementally, even though the device does not influence the awarding of the prize or the value of any prize awarded.	684 685 686
(h) The device determines and associates the prize with an entry or entries at the time the sweepstakes is entered.	687 688
(2) As used in this division and in section 2915.02 of the Revised Code:	689 690
(a) "Enter" means the act by which a person becomes eligible to receive any prize offered in a sweepstakes.	691 692
(b) "Entry" means one event from the initial activation of the sweepstakes terminal device until all the sweepstakes prize results from that activation are revealed.	693 694 695
(c) "Prize" means any gift, award, gratuity, good, service, credit, reward, or any other thing of value that may be transferred to a person, whether possession of the prize is actually transferred, or placed on an account or other record as evidence of the intent to transfer the prize.	696 697 698 699 700
(d) "Sweepstakes terminal device facility" means any location in this state where a sweepstakes terminal device is provided to a sweepstakes participant, except as provided in division (G) of section 2915.02 of the Revised Code.	701 702 703 704

(BBB) "Sweepstakes" means any game, contest, advertising scheme or plan, or other promotion where consideration is not required for a person to enter to win or become eligible to receive any prize, the determination of which is based upon chance. "Sweepstakes" does not include bingo as authorized under this chapter, pari-mutuel wagering as authorized by Chapter 3769. of the Revised Code, lotteries conducted by the state lottery commission as authorized by Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code, and casino gaming as authorized by Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code. 705  
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(CCC) (1) "Electronic instant bingo" means a form of bingo that consists of an electronic or digital representation of instant bingo in which a participant wins a prize if the participant's electronic instant bingo ticket contains a combination of numbers or symbols that was designated in advance as a winning combination, and to which all of the following apply: 715  
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(a) Each deal has a predetermined, finite number of winning and losing tickets and a predetermined prize amount and deal structure, provided that there may be multiple winning combinations in each deal and multiple winning tickets. 722  
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(b) Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal has a unique serial number that is not regenerated. 726  
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(c) Each electronic instant bingo ticket within a deal is sold for the same price. 728  
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(d) After a participant purchases an electronic instant bingo ticket, the combination of numbers or symbols on the ticket is revealed to the participant. 730  
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(e) The reveal of numbers or symbols on the ticket may 733

incorporate an entertainment or bonus theme, provided that the reveal does not include spinning reels that resemble a slot machine.	734 735 736
(f) The reveal theme, if any, does not require additional consideration or award any prize other than any predetermined prize associated with the electronic instant bingo ticket.	737 738 739
(2) "Electronic instant bingo" shall not include any of the following:	740 741
(a) Any game, entertainment, or bonus theme that replicates or simulates any of the following:	742 743
(i) The gambling games of keno, blackjack, roulette, poker, craps, other casino-style table games;	744 745
(ii) Horse racing;	746
(iii) Gambling games offered in this state on slot machines or video lottery terminals. As used in this division, "video lottery terminal" has the same meaning as in section 3770.21 of the Revised Code.	747 748 749 750
(b) Any device operated by dropping one or more coins or tokens into a slot and pulling a handle or pushing a button or touchpoint on a touchscreen to activate one to three or more rotating reels marked into horizontal segments by varying symbols, where the predetermined prize amount depends on how and how many of the symbols line up when the rotating reels come to a rest;	751 752 753 754 755 756 757
(c) Any device that includes a coin or token slot, tray, or hopper and the ability to dispense coins, cash, tokens, or anything of value other than a credit ticket voucher.	758 759 760
(DDD) "Electronic instant bingo system" means both of the	761

following: 762

(1) A mechanical, electronic, digital, or video device and 763  
associated software to which all of the following apply: 764

(a) It is used by not more than one player at a time to 765  
play electronic instant bingo on a single screen that is 766  
physically connected to the device; 767

(b) It is located on the premises of the principal place 768  
of business of a veteran's or fraternal organization that holds 769  
a type II or type III bingo license to conduct electronic 770  
instant bingo at that location issued under section 2915.08 of 771  
the Revised Code. 772

(2) Any associated equipment or software used to manage, 773  
monitor, or document any aspect of electronic instant bingo. 774

**Sec. 2915.07.** (A) No—Except as otherwise permitted by 775  
section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, no person or entity, except 776  
a charitable organization that has obtained a license pursuant 777  
to section 2915.08 of the Revised Code, shall conduct or 778  
advertise bingo. ~~This division does not apply to a raffle that a~~ 779  
~~charitable organization conducts or advertises.~~ 780

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of conducting 781  
illegal bingo, a felony of the fourth degree. 782

**Sec. 2915.08.** (A) (1) Except as otherwise permitted under 783  
section ~~2915.092—2915.16~~ of the Revised Code, annually before 784  
the first day of January, a charitable organization that desires 785  
to conduct bingo shall apply to the attorney general for one or 786  
more of the following types of licenses to conduct bingo, as 787  
appropriate: 788

(a) A type I license to conduct bingo as described in 789

division (O) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code;	790
(b) A type II license to conduct instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both at a bingo session;	791
(c) A type III license to conduct instant bingo, electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session, in accordance with sections 2915.093 to 2915.095 or sections 2915.13 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code, as applicable.	793
(2) A veteran's organization or fraternal organization that is authorized under section 2915.14 of the Revised Code to conduct electronic instant bingo may be issued only one license to conduct electronic instant bingo at any one time. The organization may conduct electronic instant bingo under that license at only one location specified on the license, which shall be the organization's principal place of business.	797
(B) The application shall be accompanied by a license fee as follows:	804
(1) If the charitable organization was not licensed to conduct bingo under this chapter before July 1, 2003, a fee established by the attorney general by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code.	806
(2) If the charitable organization was licensed to conduct bingo under this chapter before July 1, 2003, the following applicable fee:	810
(a) For a type I license for a charitable organization that wishes to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in any calendar year, a license fee of two hundred dollars;	813
(b) For a type II or type III license for a charitable organization that previously has not been licensed under this	816
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chapter to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo and 818  
that wishes to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 819  
any calendar year, a license fee of five hundred dollars; 820

(c) For a type II or type III license for a charitable 821  
organization that previously has been licensed under this 822  
chapter to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo and 823  
that desires to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 824  
any calendar year, a license fee that is based upon the gross 825  
profits received by the charitable organization from the 826  
operation of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo during 827  
the one-year period ending on the thirty-first day of October of 828  
the year immediately preceding the year for which the license is 829  
sought, and that is one of the following: 830

(i) Five hundred dollars, if the total is fifty thousand 831  
dollars or less; 832

(ii) One thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one- 833  
fourth per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than 834  
fifty thousand dollars but less than two hundred fifty thousand 835  
one dollars; 836

(iii) Two thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one-half 837  
per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than two 838  
hundred fifty thousand dollars but less than five hundred 839  
thousand one dollars; 840

(iv) Three thousand five hundred dollars plus one per cent 841  
of the gross profit, if the total is more than five hundred 842  
thousand dollars but less than one million one dollars; 843

(v) Five thousand dollars plus one per cent of the gross 844  
profit, if the total is one million one dollars or more. 845

~~(e)~~(d) For a type I, type II, or type III license for a 846

charitable organization that desires to conduct bingo during 847  
fewer than twenty-six weeks in any calendar year, a reduced 848  
license fee established by the attorney general by rule adopted 849  
pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 850

(C) The application shall be in the form prescribed by the 851  
attorney general, shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant, 852  
and shall contain all of the following: 853

(1) The name and post-office address of the applicant; 854

(2) A statement that the applicant is a charitable 855  
organization and that it has been in continuous existence as a 856  
charitable organization in this state for two years immediately 857  
preceding the making of the application; 858

(3) The location at which the organization will conduct 859  
bingo, which location shall be within the county in which the 860  
principal place of business of the applicant is located, the 861  
days of the week and the times on each of those days when bingo 862  
will be conducted, whether the organization owns, leases, or 863  
subleases the premises, and a copy of the rental agreement if it 864  
leases or subleases the premises; 865

(4) A statement of the applicant's previous history, 866  
record, and association that is sufficient to establish that the 867  
applicant is a charitable organization, and a copy of a 868  
determination letter that is issued by the Internal Revenue 869  
Service and states that the organization is tax exempt under 870  
subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c)(3), 501(c) 871  
(4), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), or 501(c)(19) of the 872  
Internal Revenue Code; 873

(5) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever had 874  
any previous application made under this section or section 875

2915.18 of the Revised Code refused, whether it previously has 876  
had a bingo or online raffle license revoked or suspended, and 877  
the reason stated by the attorney general for the refusal, 878  
revocation, or suspension; 879

(6) A statement of the charitable purposes for which the 880  
net profit derived from bingo described in division (O)(1) of 881  
section 2915.01 of the Revised Code will be used, or a statement 882  
of how the net profit derived from instant bingo or electronic 883  
instant bingo will be distributed in accordance with section 884  
2915.101 of the Revised Code, as applicable; 885

(7) Other necessary and reasonable information that the 886  
attorney general may require by rule adopted pursuant to section 887  
111.15 of the Revised Code; 888

(8) If the applicant is a charitable trust as defined in 889  
section 109.23 of the Revised Code, a statement as to whether it 890  
has registered with the attorney general pursuant to section 891  
109.26 of the Revised Code or filed annual reports pursuant to 892  
section 109.31 of the Revised Code, and, if it is not required 893  
to do either, the exemption in section 109.26 or 109.31 of the 894  
Revised Code that applies to it; 895

(9) If the applicant is a charitable organization as 896  
defined in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code, a statement as 897  
to whether it has filed with the attorney general a registration 898  
statement pursuant to section 1716.02 of the Revised Code and a 899  
financial report pursuant to section 1716.04 of the Revised 900  
Code, and, if it is not required to do both, the exemption in 901  
section 1716.03 of the Revised Code that applies to it; 902

(10) In the case of an applicant seeking to qualify as a 903  
youth athletic park organization, a statement issued by a board 904

or body vested with authority under Chapter 755. of the Revised 905  
Code for the supervision and maintenance of recreation 906  
facilities in the territory in which the organization is 907  
located, certifying that the playing fields owned by the 908  
organization were open for use to all residents of that 909  
territory, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or 910  
national origin, for athletic activities by youth athletic 911  
organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, 912  
color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, and that the 913  
fields were not used for any profit-making activity at any time 914  
during the year. That type of board or body is authorized to 915  
issue the statement upon request and shall issue the statement 916  
if it finds that the applicant's playing fields were so used. 917

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

applicant committed, or actions that the applicant failed to 936  
take, before or after the issuance of the temporary permit. 937

(E) Within thirty days after receiving an initial license 938  
application from a charitable organization to conduct bingo, the 939  
attorney general shall conduct a preliminary review of the 940  
application and notify the applicant regarding any deficiencies. 941  
Once an application is deemed complete, or beginning on the 942  
thirtieth day after the application is filed, if the attorney 943  
general failed to notify the applicant of any deficiencies, the 944  
attorney general shall have an additional sixty days to conduct 945  
an investigation and either grant, grant with limits, 946  
restrictions, or probationary conditions, or deny the 947  
application based on findings established and communicated in 948  
accordance with divisions (F) and (I) of this section. As an 949  
option to granting, granting with limits, restrictions, or 950  
probationary conditions, or denying an initial license 951  
application, the attorney general may grant a temporary license 952  
and request additional time to conduct the investigation if the 953  
attorney general has cause to believe that additional time is 954  
necessary to complete the investigation and has notified the 955  
applicant in writing about the specific concerns raised during 956  
the investigation. 957

(F) (1) The attorney general shall adopt rules to enforce 958  
sections 2915.01, 2915.02, and 2915.07 to 2915.15-2915.19 of the 959  
Revised Code to ensure that bingo is conducted in accordance 960  
with those sections and to maintain proper control over the 961  
conduct of bingo. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 962  
the rules shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the 963  
Revised Code. The attorney general shall license charitable 964  
organizations to conduct bingo in conformance with this chapter 965  
and with the licensing provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised 966

Code.	967
(2) If any of the following applies to an organization,	968
the attorney general may refuse to grant a license to the	969
organization, may revoke or suspend the organization's license,	970
or may place limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions on	971
the organization's license for a limited or indefinite period,	972
as determined by the attorney general:	973
(a) The organization fails or has failed at any time to	974
meet any requirement of, or violates or has violated any	975
provision of, this chapter, section 109.26, 109.31, or 1716.02,	976
or sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code, or violates	977
or has violated any provision of sections 2915.02 or 2915.07 to	978
2915.13 of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the attorney	979
general pursuant to this chapter.	980
(b) The organization makes or has made an incorrect or	981
false statement that is material to the granting of the license	982
in an application filed under this section or section 2915.17 or	983
2915.18 of the Revised Code.	984
(c) The organization submits or has submitted any	985
incorrect or false information relating to an application filed	986
under this section or section 2915.17 or 2915.18 of the Revised	987
Code if the information is material to the granting of the	988
license.	989
(d) The organization maintains or has maintained any	990
incorrect or false information that is material to the granting	991
of the bingo license or of an online raffle license in the	992
records required to be kept pursuant to section 2915.10 of the	993
Revised Code, if applicable.	994
(e) The attorney general has good cause to believe that	995

the organization will not conduct bingo in accordance with 996  
sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code or with any rule 997  
adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this chapter. 998

(3) If the attorney general has good cause to believe that 999  
any director or officer of the organization has breached the 1000  
director's or officer's fiduciary duty to, or committed theft or 1001  
any other type of misconduct related to, the organization or any 1002  
other charitable organization that has been issued a bingo 1003  
license under this chapter, the attorney general may refuse to 1004  
grant a license to the organization, may impose limits, 1005  
restrictions, or probationary conditions on the license, or may 1006  
revoke or suspend the organization's license for a period not to 1007  
exceed five years. 1008

(4) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on an 1009  
organization licensed or permitted under this chapter for 1010  
failure to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 1011  
conditions on its license, and for failure to comply with this 1012  
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 1013  
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 1014  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1015

(5) For the purposes of division (F) of this section, any 1016  
action of an officer, trustee, agent, representative, or bingo 1017  
game operator of an organization is an action of the 1018  
organization. 1019

(G) The attorney general may grant licenses to charitable 1020  
organizations that are branches, lodges, or chapters of national 1021  
charitable organizations. 1022

(H) The attorney general shall send notice of any of the 1023  
following actions in writing to the prosecuting attorney and 1024

sheriff of the county in which the charitable organization is 1025  
located and to any other law enforcement agency in that county 1026  
that so requests, of all of the following: 1027

(1) The issuance of a license under this section; 1028

(2) The issuance of an amended license under this section; 1029

(3) The rejection of an application for and refusal to 1030  
grant a license under this section; 1031

(4) The revocation of any license previously issued under 1032  
this section; 1033

(5) The suspension of any license previously issued under 1034  
this section; 1035

(6) The placing of any limits, restrictions, or 1036  
probationary conditions placed on a license issued under this 1037  
section. 1038

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

written notice of the reasons for the refusal, revocation, 1054  
limit, restriction, probationary condition, or suspension or a 1055  
mistake in the written notice does not affect the validity of 1056  
the attorney general's refusal to grant, or the revocation or 1057  
suspension of, or limit, restriction, probationary condition on, 1058  
a license. If the attorney general fails to give the written 1059  
notice or if there is a mistake in the written notice, the 1060  
applicant may bring an action to compel the attorney general to 1061  
comply with this division or to correct the mistake, but the 1062  
attorney general's order refusing to grant, or placing a limit, 1063  
restriction, or probationary condition on, or revoking or 1064  
suspending, a license shall not be enjoined during the pendency 1065  
of the action. 1066

(J) (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (2) 1067  
of this section, a charitable organization that has been issued 1068  
a license under this section but that cannot conduct bingo at 1069  
the location, or on the day of the week or at the time, 1070  
specified on the license due to circumstances that make it 1071  
impractical to do so, or that desires to conduct instant bingo 1072  
other than at a bingo session at additional locations not 1073  
identified on the license, may apply in writing, together with 1074  
an application fee of two hundred fifty dollars, to the attorney 1075  
general, at least thirty days prior to a change in or addition 1076  
of a location, day of the week, or time, and request an amended 1077  
license. 1078

(b) As applicable, the application shall describe the 1079  
causes making it impractical for the organization to conduct 1080  
bingo in conformity with its license and shall indicate the 1081  
location, days of the week, and times on each of those days when 1082  
it desires to conduct bingo and, as applicable, shall indicate 1083  
the additional locations at which it desires to conduct instant 1084

bingo other than at a bingo session. 1085

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (3) of 1086  
this section, the attorney general shall issue the amended 1087  
license in accordance with division (I) of this section, and the 1088  
organization shall surrender its original license to the 1089  
attorney general. 1090

(2) (a) A charitable organization that has been issued a 1091  
license under this section to conduct electronic instant bingo 1092  
but that cannot conduct electronic instant bingo at the 1093  
location, or on the day of the week or at the time, specified on 1094  
the license due to circumstances that make it impractical to do 1095  
so, may apply in writing, together with an application fee of 1096  
two hundred fifty dollars, to the attorney general, at least 1097  
thirty days prior to a change in a location, day of the week, or 1098  
time, and request an amended license. A charitable organization 1099  
may not apply for an amended license to conduct electronic 1100  
instant bingo at any additional location. 1101

(b) The application shall describe the causes making it 1102  
impractical for the organization to conduct electronic instant 1103  
bingo in conformity with its license and shall indicate the 1104  
location, days of the week, and times on each of those days when 1105  
it desires to conduct electronic instant bingo. 1106

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (3) of 1107  
this section, the attorney general shall issue the amended 1108  
license in accordance with division (I) of this section, and the 1109  
organization shall surrender its original license to the 1110  
attorney general. 1111

(3) The attorney general may refuse to grant an amended 1112  
license under division (J) (1) or (2) of this section according 1113

to the terms of division (F) of this section.

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

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(L) The attorney general, by rule adopted pursuant to  
section 111.15 of the Revised Code, may adopt rules to determine  
the requirements for a charitable organization that is exempt  
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and  
described in subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
to be in good standing in the state.

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

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

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(2) Upon applying for or renewing a license under this  
section, an applicant shall file with and have approved by the  
attorney general a bond in which the applicant shall be the  
principal obligor, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with  
one or more sureties authorized to do business in this state.

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The applicant shall maintain the bond in effect as long as the 1143  
license is valid; however, the liability of the surety under the 1144  
bond shall not exceed an all-time aggregate liability of fifty 1145  
thousand dollars. The bond, which may be in the form of a rider 1146  
to a larger blanket liability bond, shall run to the state and 1147  
to any person who may have a cause of action against the 1148  
principal obligor of the bond for any liability arising out of a 1149  
violation by the obligor of any provision of this chapter or any 1150  
rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. 1151

(C) The attorney general may refuse to issue a distributor 1152  
license to any person to which any of the following applies, or 1153  
to any person that has an officer, partner, or other person who 1154  
has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more and to whom 1155  
any of the following applies: 1156

(1) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of 1157  
a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 1158  
9.79 of the Revised Code. 1159

(2) The person, officer, or partner has made an incorrect 1160  
or false statement that is material to the granting of a license 1161  
in an application submitted to the attorney general under this 1162  
section or in a similar application submitted to a gambling 1163  
licensing authority in another jurisdiction if the statement 1164  
resulted in license revocation through administrative action in 1165  
the other jurisdiction. 1166

(3) The person, officer, or partner has submitted any 1167  
incorrect or false information relating to the application to 1168  
the attorney general under this section, if the information is 1169  
material to the granting of the license. 1170

(4) The person, officer, or partner has failed to correct 1171

any incorrect or false information that is material to the 1172  
granting of the license in the records required to be maintained 1173  
under division (F) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code. 1174

(5) The person, officer, or partner has had a license 1175  
related to gambling revoked or suspended under the laws of this 1176  
state, another state, or the United States. 1177

(6) The attorney general has good cause to believe that a 1178  
person, officer, or partner has committed a breach of fiduciary 1179  
duty, theft, or other type of misconduct related to a ~~charitable~~ 1180  
~~organization person~~ that has obtained a bingo license issued 1181  
~~under this chapter~~ section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or an 1182  
~~entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the~~ 1183  
~~Revised Code that conducts a raffle.~~ 1184

~~(D) The (D) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions~~ 1185  
~~(D) (2) and (3) of this section, the attorney general shall not~~ 1186  
issue a distributor license to any person that is involved in 1187  
the conduct of bingo on behalf of a charitable organization or 1188  
that is a lessor of premises used for the conduct of bingo. ~~This~~ 1189  
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(2) Division (D) (1) of this section does not prohibit a 1191  
distributor from advising charitable organizations on the use 1192  
and benefit of specific bingo supplies or prohibit a distributor 1193  
from advising a customer on operational methods to improve bingo 1194  
profitability. 1195

(3) Division (D) (1) of this section does not prohibit a 1196  
distributor that operates an online raffle platform from 1197  
conducting an online raffle on behalf of an entity described in 1198  
division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code. 1199

(E) (1) No distributor shall sell, offer to sell, or 1200

otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any 1201  
person, or modify, convert, add to, or remove parts from bingo 1202  
supplies to further their promotion or sale, for use in this 1203  
state except to or for the use of a charitable organization that 1204  
has been issued a license under section 2915.08 of the Revised 1205  
Code or an entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1206  
2915.16 of the Revised Code that conducts a raffle, or to 1207  
another distributor that has been issued a license under this 1208  
section. No distributor shall accept payment for the sale or 1209  
other provision of bingo supplies other than by check or 1210  
electronic fund transfer. 1211

~~(2)~~—(2) (a) No distributor may donate, give, loan, lease, 1212  
or otherwise provide any bingo supplies or equipment, or modify, 1213  
convert, add to, or remove parts from bingo supplies to further 1214  
their promotion or sale, to or for the use of a charitable 1215  
organization for use in a bingo session conditioned on or in 1216  
consideration for an exclusive right to provide bingo supplies 1217  
to the charitable organization. A distributor may provide a 1218  
licensed charitable organization with free samples of the 1219  
distributor's products to be used as prizes or to be used for 1220  
the purpose of sampling. 1221

(b) No distributor may donate, give, loan, lease, or 1222  
otherwise provide any bingo supplies, or modify, convert, add 1223  
to, or remove parts from bingo supplies to further their 1224  
promotion or sale, to or for the use of an entity described in 1225  
division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code for use 1226  
in a raffle conditioned on or in consideration for an exclusive 1227  
right to provide bingo supplies to the entity. 1228

(3) No distributor shall purchase bingo supplies for use 1229  
in this state from any person except from a manufacturer issued 1230

a license under section 2915.082 of the Revised Code or from 1231  
another distributor issued a license under this section. Subject 1232  
to division (D) of section 2915.082 of the Revised Code, no 1233  
distributor shall pay for purchased bingo supplies other than by 1234  
check or electronic fund transfer. 1235

(4) No (4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (E) 1236  
(4) (b) of this section, no distributor shall participate in the 1237  
conduct of bingo on behalf of a charitable organization or have 1238  
any direct or indirect ownership interest in a premises used for 1239  
the conduct of bingo. 1240

(b) Division (E) (4) (a) of this section does not prohibit a 1241  
distributor that operates an online raffle platform from 1242  
conducting an online raffle on behalf of an entity described in 1243  
division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code. 1244

(5) No distributor shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, or 1245  
receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly or 1246  
indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in return 1247  
for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state. 1248

(6) No distributor shall knowingly provide or offer to 1249  
provide an online raffle platform to any person for use in this 1250  
state unless the platform has been approved under section 1251  
2915.19 of the Revised Code. 1252

(F) (1) No distributor shall knowingly sell, offer to sell, 1253  
or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic instant 1254  
bingo system to any person for use in this state, or install, 1255  
maintain, update, or repair an electronic instant bingo system, 1256  
without first obtaining an electronic instant bingo distributor 1257  
endorsement to the person's distributor license issued under 1258  
this section. An applicant for a distributor license under this 1259

section may apply simultaneously for an electronic instant bingo 1260  
distributor endorsement to that license. 1261

(2) An applicant for an electronic instant bingo 1262  
distributor endorsement shall submit the application on a form 1263  
prescribed by the attorney general and shall submit one complete 1264  
set of fingerprints directly to the superintendent of the bureau 1265  
of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of 1266  
conducting a criminal records check. The applicant shall provide 1267  
the fingerprints using a method the superintendent prescribes 1268  
pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised 1269  
Code and shall fill out the form the superintendent prescribes 1270  
pursuant to division (C)(1) of that section. Upon receiving an 1271  
application for an electronic instant bingo distributor 1272  
endorsement, the attorney general shall request the 1273  
superintendent, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a 1274  
criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprint 1275  
impressions in accordance with division (A)(18) of that section. 1276  
The applicant shall pay any fee required under division (C)(3) 1277  
of that section. 1278

(3) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 1279  
instant bingo distributor endorsement to an applicant unless the 1280  
attorney general has received the results of the criminal 1281  
records check described in division (F)(2) of this section. The 1282  
attorney general shall not issue an electronic instant bingo 1283  
distributor endorsement to an applicant if the applicant, any 1284  
officer or partner of the applicant, or any person who has an 1285  
ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the applicant has 1286  
violated any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by 1287  
the attorney general under this chapter or has violated any 1288  
existing or former law or rule of this state, any other state, 1289  
or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any 1290

provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney general under this chapter.	1291
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(4) An electronic instant bingo distributor endorsement issued under this section shall be valid for the period of the underlying distributor license.	1293
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(G) The attorney general may suspend, place limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revoke a distributor license or an electronic instant bingo distributor endorsement, for a limited or indefinite period of time at the attorney general's discretion, for any of the following reasons:	1296
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(1) Any reason for which the attorney general may refuse to issue the license or endorsement;	1301
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(2) The distributor holding the license or endorsement violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney general under this chapter;	1303
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(3) The distributor or any officer, partner, or other person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the distributor is convicted of either of the following:	1306
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(a) A felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States;	1309
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(b) Any gambling offense.	1311
(H) The attorney general may adopt rules for the application, acceptance, denial, suspension, revocation, limitation, restriction, or condition of a distributor license or endorsement, and to enforce any other provisions of this section, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	1312
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(I) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on a distributor licensed or permitted under this chapter for failure	1317
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to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 1319  
conditions on its license, or for failure to comply with this 1320  
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 1321  
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 1322  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1323

(J) Whoever violates division (A), (E), or (F) of this 1324  
section is guilty of illegally operating as a distributor. 1325  
Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally 1326  
operating as a distributor is a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1327  
If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of 1328  
division (A), (E), or (F) of this section, illegally operating 1329  
as a distributor is a felony of the fifth degree. 1330

**Sec. 2915.082.** (A) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to 1331  
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies 1332  
for use in this state without having obtained a license from the 1333  
attorney general under this section. 1334

(B) (1) The attorney general may issue a manufacturer 1335  
license to any person that meets the requirements of this 1336  
section. The application for the license shall be on a form 1337  
prescribed by the attorney general and be accompanied by the 1338  
annual fee prescribed by this section. The license is valid for 1339  
a period of one year, and the annual fee for the license is five 1340  
thousand dollars. 1341

(2) Upon applying for or renewing a license under this 1342  
section, an applicant shall file with and have approved by the 1343  
attorney general a bond in which the applicant shall be the 1344  
principal obligor, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with 1345  
one or more sureties authorized to do business in this state. 1346  
The applicant shall maintain the bond in effect as long as the 1347  
license is valid; however, the liability of the surety under the 1348

bond shall not exceed an all-time aggregate liability of fifty thousand dollars. The bond, which may be in the form of a rider to a larger blanket liability bond, shall run to the state and to any person who may have a cause of action against the principal obligor of the bond for any liability arising out of a violation by the obligor of any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. 1349  
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(C) The attorney general may refuse to issue a manufacturer license to any person to which any of the following applies, or to any person that has an officer, partner, or other person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more and to whom any of the following applies: 1356  
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(1) The person, officer, or partner has been convicted of a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code. 1361  
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(2) The person, officer, or partner has made an incorrect or false statement that is material to the granting of a license in an application submitted to the attorney general under this section or in a similar application submitted to a gambling licensing authority in another jurisdiction if the statement resulted in license revocation through administrative action in the other jurisdiction. 1364  
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(3) The person, officer, or partner has submitted any incorrect or false information relating to the application to the attorney general under this section, if the information is material to the granting of the license. 1371  
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(4) The person, officer, or partner has failed to correct any incorrect or false information that is material to the granting of the license in the records required to be maintained 1375  
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under division (G) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code. 1378

(5) The person, officer, or partner has had a license 1379  
related to gambling revoked or suspended under the laws of this 1380  
state, another state, or the United States. 1381

(6) The attorney general has good cause to believe that 1382  
the person, officer, or partner has committed a breach of 1383  
fiduciary duty, theft, or other type of misconduct, related to a 1384  
~~charitable organization person~~ that has obtained a bingo license 1385  
~~under this chapter~~ section 2915.08 of the Revised Code or an 1386  
entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the 1387  
Revised Code that conducts a raffle. 1388

(D) (1) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to sell, or 1389  
otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any 1390  
person for use in this state except to a distributor that has 1391  
been issued a license under section 2915.081 of the Revised 1392  
Code. No manufacturer shall accept payment for the sale of bingo 1393  
supplies other than by check or electronic fund transfer. 1394

(2) No manufacturer shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, 1395  
or receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly 1396  
or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in 1397  
return for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state. 1398

(E) (1) No manufacturer shall knowingly sell, offer to 1399  
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic 1400  
instant bingo system to any person for use in this state, or 1401  
submit an electronic instant bingo system for testing and 1402  
approval under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code, without 1403  
first obtaining an electronic instant bingo manufacturer 1404  
endorsement to the person's manufacturer license issued under 1405  
this section. An applicant for a manufacturer license under this 1406

section may apply simultaneously for an electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsement to that license. 1407  
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(2) A manufacturer licensed under this section may only sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide electronic instant bingo systems that contain proprietary software owned by or licensed to the manufacturer. If the proprietary software is licensed to the manufacturer, the manufacturer shall provide a copy of the license along with the application for an endorsement under this section. 1409  
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(3) An applicant for an electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsement shall submit the application on a form prescribed by the attorney general and shall submit one complete set of fingerprints directly to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of conducting a criminal records check. The applicant shall provide the fingerprints using a method the superintendent prescribes pursuant to division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and shall fill out the form the superintendent prescribes pursuant to division (C)(1) of that section. Upon receiving an application for an electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsement, the attorney general shall request the superintendent, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprint impressions in accordance with division (A)(18) of that section. The applicant shall pay any fee required under division (C)(3) of that section. 1416  
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(4) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsement to an applicant unless the attorney general has received the results of the criminal records check described in division (E)(3) of this section. The 1433  
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attorney general shall not issue an electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsement to an applicant if the applicant, any officer or partner of the applicant, or any person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the applicant has violated any existing or former law or rule of this state, any other state, or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney general under this chapter.	1437 1438 1439 1440 1441 1442 1443 1444
(F) (1) The attorney general may suspend, place limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revoke a manufacturer license or an electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsement for a limited or indefinite period of time for any of the following reasons:	1445 1446 1447 1448 1449
(a) Any reason for which the attorney general may refuse to issue the license or endorsement;	1450 1451
(b) The manufacturer holding the license or endorsement violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney general under this chapter;	1452 1453 1454
(c) The manufacturer or any officer, partner, or other person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the manufacturer is convicted of either of the following:	1455 1456 1457
(i) A felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States;	1458 1459
(ii) Any gambling offense.	1460
(2) The attorney general may perform an onsite inspection of a manufacturer of bingo supplies that is selling, offering to sell, or otherwise providing or offering to provide bingo supplies or that is applying for a license to sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies in	1461 1462 1463 1464 1465

this state. 1466

(3) (a) The attorney general shall establish by rule an 1467  
application and renewal fee for an electronic instant bingo 1468  
manufacturer endorsement in an amount sufficient to cover the 1469  
costs the attorney general incurs in processing applications for 1470  
electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsements and 1471  
investigating an applicant's suitability. 1472

(b) If the cost of processing a particular application and 1473  
investigating the applicant's suitability exceeds the amount of 1474  
the application and renewal fee, the attorney general may charge 1475  
the applicant an additional fee as necessary to cover that cost. 1476

(c) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 1477  
instant bingo manufacturer endorsement unless the attorney 1478  
general has received payment in full from the applicant for all 1479  
fees to be charged under this section. 1480

(G) The attorney general may adopt rules for the 1481  
application, acceptance, denial, suspension, revocation, 1482  
limitation, restriction, or condition of a manufacturer license 1483  
or endorsement described in this section, and to enforce any 1484  
other provisions of this section, in accordance with Chapter 1485  
119. of the Revised Code. 1486

(H) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on a 1487  
manufacturer licensed or permitted under this chapter for 1488  
failure to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 1489  
conditions on its license, and for failure to comply with this 1490  
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 1491  
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 1492  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1493

(I) Whoever violates division (A), (D), or (E) of this 1494

section is guilty of illegally operating as a manufacturer.	1495
Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally	1496
operating as a manufacturer is a misdemeanor of the first	1497
degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a	1498
violation of division (A), (D), or (E) of this section,	1499
illegally operating as a manufacturer is a felony of the fifth	1500
degree.	1501
 <b>Sec. 2915.093.</b> (A) As used in this section, "retail income	1502
from all commercial activity" means the income that a person	1503
receives from the provision of goods, services, or activities	1504
that are provided at the location where instant bingo other than	1505
at a bingo session is conducted, including the sale of instant	1506
bingo tickets. A religious organization that is exempt from	1507
federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in	1508
subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, at not more	1509
than one location at which it conducts its charitable programs,	1510
may include donations from its members and guests as retail	1511
income.	1512
 (B) (1) If a charitable instant bingo organization conducts	1513
instant bingo other than at a bingo session under a type III	1514
license issued under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code, the	1515
charitable instant bingo organization shall enter into a written	1516
contract with the owner or lessor of the location at which the	1517
instant bingo is conducted to allow the owner or lessor to	1518
assist in the conduct of instant bingo other than at a bingo	1519
session, identify each location where the instant bingo other	1520
than at a bingo session is being conducted, and identify the	1521
owner or lessor of each location.	1522
 (2) A charitable instant bingo organization that conducts	1523
instant bingo other than at a bingo session under a type III	1524

license issued under section 2915.08 of the Revised Code is not 1525  
required to enter into a written contract with the owner or 1526  
lessor of the location at which the instant bingo is conducted, 1527  
provided that the owner or lessor is not assisting in the 1528  
conduct of the instant bingo other than at a bingo session and 1529  
provided that the conduct of the instant bingo other than at a 1530  
bingo session at that location is not more than five days per 1531  
calendar year and not more than ten hours per day. 1532

(C) Except as provided in division (F) of this section, no 1533  
charitable instant bingo organization shall conduct instant 1534  
bingo other than at a bingo session at a location where the 1535  
primary source of retail income from all commercial activity at 1536  
that location is the sale of instant bingo tickets other than at 1537  
a bingo session. 1538

(D) The owner or lessor of a location that enters into a 1539  
contract pursuant to division (B) of this section shall pay the 1540  
full gross profit to the charitable instant bingo organization, 1541  
in return for the deal of instant bingo tickets. The owner or 1542  
lessor may retain the money that the owner or lessor receives 1543  
for selling the instant bingo tickets, provided, however, that 1544  
after the deal has been sold, the owner or lessor shall pay to 1545  
the charitable instant bingo organization the value of any 1546  
unredeemed instant bingo prizes remaining in the deal of instant 1547  
bingo tickets. 1548

The charitable instant bingo organization shall pay six 1549  
per cent of the total gross receipts of any deal of instant 1550  
bingo tickets for the purpose of reimbursing the owner or lessor 1551  
for expenses described in this division. 1552

As used in this division, "expenses" means those items 1553  
provided for in divisions (GG) (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (12), and 1554

(13) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code and that percentage of the owner's or lessor's rent for the location where instant bingo is conducted. "Expenses," in the aggregate, shall not exceed six per cent of the total gross receipts of any deal of instant bingo tickets. 1555  
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As used in this division, "full gross profit" means the amount by which the total receipts of all instant bingo tickets, if the deal had been sold in full, exceeds the amount that would be paid out if all prizes were redeemed. 1560  
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(E) A charitable instant bingo organization shall provide the attorney general with all of the following information: 1564  
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(1) That the charitable instant bingo organization has terminated a contract entered into pursuant to division (B) of this section with an owner or lessor of a location; 1566  
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(2) That the charitable instant bingo organization has entered into a written contract pursuant to division (B) of this section with a new owner or lessor of a location; 1569  
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(3) That the charitable instant bingo organization is aware of conduct by the owner or lessor of a location at which instant bingo is conducted that is in violation of this chapter. 1572  
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(F) Division (C) of this section does not apply to a volunteer firefighter's organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that conducts instant bingo other than at a bingo session on the premises where the organization conducts firefighter training, that has conducted instant bingo continuously for at least five years prior to July 1, 2003, and that, during each of those five years, had gross receipts of at least one million five hundred 1575  
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**Sec. 2915.10.** (A) ~~No charitable organization entity~~ that 1585  
conducts bingo or a game of chance pursuant to division (D) of 1586  
section 2915.02 of the Revised Code shall fail to maintain the 1587  
following records for at least three years from the date on 1588  
which the bingo or game of chance is conducted: 1589

(1) An itemized list of the gross receipts of each bingo 1590  
session, each game of instant bingo by serial number, each 1591  
electronic instant bingo game by serial number, each raffle, 1592  
each punch board game, and each game of chance, and an itemized 1593  
list of the gross profits of each game of instant bingo by 1594  
serial number and each electronic instant bingo game by serial 1595  
number; 1596

(2) An itemized list of all expenses, other than prizes, 1597  
that are incurred in conducting bingo, the name of each person 1598  
to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the 1599  
expenses; 1600

(3) A list of all prizes awarded during each bingo 1601  
session, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of 1602  
~~chance conducted by the charitable organization~~, the total 1603  
prizes awarded from each game of instant bingo by serial number 1604  
and each electronic instant bingo game by serial number, and the 1605  
name, address, and social security number of all persons who are 1606  
winners of prizes of six hundred dollars or more in value; 1607

(4) An itemized list of the recipients of the net profit 1608  
of the bingo or game of chance, including the name and address 1609  
of each recipient to whom the money is distributed, and if the 1610  
organization uses the net profit of bingo, or the money or 1611  
assets received from a game of chance, for any charitable or 1612

other purpose set forth in division (V) of section 2915.01, 1613  
division (D) of section 2915.02, or section 2915.101 of the 1614  
Revised Code, a list of each purpose and an itemized list of 1615  
each expenditure for each purpose; 1616

(5) The number of persons who participate in any bingo 1617  
session, raffle, or game of chance ~~that is conducted by the~~ 1618  
~~charitable organization;~~ 1619

(6) A list of receipts from the sale of food and beverages 1620  
by the ~~charitable organization entity~~ or one of its auxiliary 1621  
units or societies, if the receipts were excluded from gross 1622  
receipts under division (T) of section 2915.01 of the Revised 1623  
Code; 1624

(7) An itemized list of all expenses incurred at each 1625  
bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, or each game 1626  
of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo ~~conducted by the~~ 1627  
~~charitable organization in the sale of food and beverages by the~~ 1628  
~~charitable organization entity~~ or by an auxiliary unit or 1629  
society of the ~~charitable organization entity~~, the name of each 1630  
person to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of 1631  
the expenses. 1632

(B) ~~A charitable organization~~ An entity shall keep the 1633  
records that it is required to maintain pursuant to division (A) 1634  
of this section at its principal place of business in this state 1635  
or at its headquarters in this state and shall notify the 1636  
attorney general of the location at which those records are 1637  
kept. 1638

(C) The gross profit from each bingo session or game 1639  
described in division (O) (1) or (2) of section 2915.01 of the 1640  
Revised Code shall be deposited into a checking account devoted 1641

exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the bingo session or game shall be made only by checks or electronic fund transfers drawn on the bingo session or game account. 1642  
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(D) Each charitable organization shall conduct and record an inventory of all of its bingo supplies as of the first day of November of each year. 1647  
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(E) The attorney general may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish standards of accounting, record keeping, and reporting to ensure that gross receipts from bingo or games of chance are properly accounted for. 1650  
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(F) A distributor shall maintain, for a period of three years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing to another person bingo supplies for use in this state. The record shall include all of the following for each instance: 1655  
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(1) The name of the manufacturer from which the distributor purchased the bingo supplies and the date of the purchase; 1660  
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(2) The name and address of the charitable organization or other distributor to which the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided; 1663  
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(3) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies; 1666  
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(4) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each charitable organization. 1668  
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(G) A manufacturer shall maintain, for a period of three years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of each instance of its selling or otherwise providing bingo supplies for use in this state. The record shall include all of the following for each instance: 1671  
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(1) The name and address of the distributor to whom the bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided; 1676  
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(2) A description that clearly identifies the bingo supplies, including serial numbers; 1678  
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(3) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals sold or otherwise provided to each distributor. 1680  
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(H) The attorney general or any law enforcement agency may do all of the following: 1683  
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(1) Investigate any charitable organization, entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, distributor, or manufacturer or any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, entity, distributor, or manufacturer; 1685  
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(2) Examine the accounts and records of the charitable organization, entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, distributor, or manufacturer or of any officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer; 1690  
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(3) Conduct inspections, audits, and observations of bingo or games of chance; 1695  
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(4) Conduct inspections of the premises where bingo or games of chance are conducted or where bingo supplies are 1697  
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manufactured or distributed; 1699

(5) Take any other necessary and reasonable action to 1700  
determine if a violation of any provision of this chapter has 1701  
occurred and to determine whether section 2915.11 of the Revised 1702  
Code has been complied with. 1703

If any law enforcement agency has reasonable grounds to 1704  
believe that a charitable organization, entity described in 1705  
division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, 1706  
distributor, or manufacturer or an officer, agent, trustee, 1707  
member, or employee of the organization, entity, distributor, or 1708  
manufacturer has violated any provision of this chapter, the law 1709  
enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to 1710  
enforce this chapter, provided that the law enforcement agency 1711  
shall give written notice to the attorney general when 1712  
commencing an action as described in this division. 1713

(I) No person shall destroy, alter, conceal, withhold, or 1714  
deny access to any accounts or records of a charitable 1715  
organization, entity described in division (A) (1) of section 1716  
2915.16 of the Revised Code, distributor, or manufacturer that 1717  
have been requested for examination, or obstruct, impede, or 1718  
interfere with any inspection, audit, or observation of bingo or 1719  
a game of chance, of premises where bingo or a game of chance is 1720  
conducted, or of premises where bingo supplies are manufactured 1721  
or distributed, or refuse to comply with any reasonable request 1722  
of, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any other reasonable 1723  
action undertaken by, the attorney general or a law enforcement 1724  
agency pursuant to division (H) of this section. 1725

(J) Whoever violates division (A) or (I) of this section 1726  
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1727

**Sec. 2915.101.** Except as otherwise provided by law, a charitable organization that conducts instant bingo or electronic instant bingo, or an entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code that conducts an online raffle, shall distribute the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo—or, electronic instant bingo, or online raffles as follows: 1728  
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(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: 1735  
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(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: 1742  
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(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. 1751  
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(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 1755  
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division (GG) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, in 1758  
conducting the instant bingo—or,—electronic instant bingo—game, 1759  
or online raffles. 1760

(b) For any net profit from the proceeds of the sale of 1761  
instant bingo—or,—electronic instant bingo, or online raffles 1762  
of more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars or an adjusted 1763  
amount generated in a calendar year: 1764

(i) A minimum of fifty per cent shall be distributed to an 1765  
organization described in division (V) (1) of section 2915.01 of 1766  
the Revised Code or to a department or agency of the federal 1767  
government, the state, or any political subdivision. 1768

(ii) Five per cent may be distributed for the 1769  
organization's or entity's own charitable purposes or to a 1770  
community action agency. 1771

(iii) Forty-five per cent may be deducted and retained by 1772  
the organization or entity for reimbursement of or for the 1773  
organization's or entity's expenses, as defined in division (GG) 1774  
of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, in conducting the 1775  
instant bingo—or,—electronic instant bingo—game, or online 1776  
raffle. 1777

(2) If a veteran's organization, a fraternal organization, 1778  
or a sporting organization or an entity described in division 1779  
(A) (1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code does not 1780  
distribute the full percentages specified in divisions (A) (1) (a) 1781  
and (b) of this section for the purposes specified in those 1782  
divisions, the organization or entity shall distribute the 1783  
balance of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of 1784  
instant bingo—or,—electronic instant bingo, or online raffles 1785  
not distributed or retained for those purposes to an 1786

organization described in division (V) (1) of section 2915.01 of 1787  
the Revised Code. 1788

(B) If a charitable organization other than a veteran's 1789  
organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting 1790  
organization ~~conducted the~~ conducts instant bingo ~~or electronic~~ 1791  
~~instant bingo~~, the organization shall distribute one hundred per 1792  
cent of the net profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant 1793  
bingo ~~or electronic instant bingo~~ to an organization described 1794  
in division (V) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code or to 1795  
a department or agency of the federal government, the state, or 1796  
any political subdivision. 1797

(C) Nothing in this section prohibits a veteran's 1798  
organization, a fraternal organization, or a sporting 1799  
organization or an entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of 1800  
section 2915.16 of the Revised Code from distributing any net 1801  
profit from the proceeds of the sale of instant bingo ~~or~~, 1802  
electronic instant bingo, or online raffles to an organization 1803  
that is described in subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal 1804  
Revenue Code when the organization that is described in 1805  
subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code is one that 1806  
makes donations to other organizations and permits donors to 1807  
advise or direct such donations so long as the donations comply 1808  
with requirements established in or pursuant to subsection 1809  
501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1810

**Sec. 2915.14.** (A) No charitable organization shall conduct 1811  
electronic instant bingo unless all of the following are true: 1812

(1) The organization is a veteran's organization described 1813  
in division (J) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, or is a 1814  
fraternal organization described in division (L) of section 1815  
2915.01 of the Revised Code, and the organization qualified as a 1816

veteran's organization or fraternal organization, as applicable, 1817  
on or before June 30, 2021. 1818

(2) The organization is a veteran's organization described 1819  
in subsection 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code or is, and 1820  
has received from the internal revenue service a determination 1821  
letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization 1822  
is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), 1823  
and is described in subsection 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), 1824  
or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1825

(3) The organization has not conducted a raffle in 1826  
violation of division (B) of section 2915.092 of the Revised 1827  
Code, as that section existed immediately before the effective 1828  
date of this amendment, or in violation of section 2915.20 of 1829  
the Revised Code, using an electronic raffle machine, as 1830  
described in Ohio Veterans and Fraternal Charitable Coalition v. 1831  
DeWine, Case No. 13-CV-13610 (C.P. Franklin Co. February 23, 1832  
2018), at any time on or after January 1, 2022. 1833

(B) No charitable organization that conducts electronic 1834  
instant bingo shall do any of the following: 1835

(1) Possess an electronic instant bingo system that was 1836  
not obtained in accordance with this chapter or with any rule 1837  
adopted under this chapter; 1838

(2) Conduct electronic instant bingo on any day, at any 1839  
time, or on any premises not specified on the organization's 1840  
type II or type III license issued under section 2915.08 of the 1841  
Revised Code; 1842

(3) Hold more than one valid license to conduct electronic 1843  
instant bingo at any one time; 1844

(4) Conduct electronic instant bingo on more than one 1845

premises or on any premises other than the charitable organization's principal place of business;	1846 1847
(5) Operate more than ten electronic bingo systems at the premises on which the charitable organization conducts electronic instant bingo under its license;	1848 1849 1850
(6) Fail to display both of the following conspicuously at the premises on which the charitable organization conducts electronic instant bingo:	1851 1852 1853
(a) The charitable organization's bingo license;	1854
(b) The serial number of each deal of electronic instant bingo tickets being sold.	1855 1856
(7) Permit any person the charitable organization knows, or should have known, to be under eighteen years of age to play electronic instant bingo;	1857 1858 1859
(8) Sell or provide to any person an electronic instant bingo ticket for a price different from the price displayed on the game flare for that deal, except that the charitable organization may give a participant who wins an electronic instant bingo game an electronic instant bingo ticket as a prize in place of a cash prize;	1860 1861 1862 1863 1864 1865
(9) Fail, once an electronic instant bingo deal is begun, to continue to sell tickets in that deal until all prizes have been awarded;	1866 1867 1868
(10) Permit any person whom the organization knows, or should have known, has been convicted of a felony or gambling offense in any jurisdiction to be a bingo game operator in the conduct of electronic instant bingo;	1869 1870 1871 1872
(11) Permit a bingo game operator to play electronic	1873

instant bingo;	1874
(12) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (12)	1875
(b) of this section, pay compensation to a bingo game operator	1876
for conducting electronic instant bingo.	1877
(b) Division (B) (12) (a) of this section does not prohibit	1878
an employee of a veteran's organization or fraternal	1879
organization from redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets or	1880
vouchers for the organization's members or invited guests, so	1881
long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from	1882
any bingo receipts.	1883
(13) Pay consulting fees to any person in relation to	1884
electronic instant bingo.	1885
(C) No person shall sell, offer to sell, or otherwise	1886
provide or offer to provide an electronic instant bingo system	1887
to any person for use in this state unless the electronic	1888
instant bingo system has been approved under section 2915.15 of	1889
the Revised Code.	1890
(D) The attorney general shall adopt rules under Chapter	1891
119. of the Revised Code to ensure the integrity of electronic	1892
instant bingo, including, but not limited to, rules governing	1893
all of the following:	1894
(1) The requirements to receive a license or endorsement	1895
to conduct electronic instant bingo;	1896
(2) The location and number of electronic instant bingo	1897
systems in use, which shall not exceed ten at the single	1898
licensed location per organization;	1899
(3) The times when electronic instant bingo may be	1900
offered;	1901

(4) Signage requirements in facilities where electronic instant bingo is offered;	1902 1903
(5) Electronic instant bingo device and system specifications, including reveal features and game themes;	1904 1905
(6) Procedures and standards for the review, approval, inspection, and monitoring of electronic instant bingo systems, as described in section 2915.15 of the Revised Code;	1906 1907 1908
(7) Procedures and standards for the review and approval of any changes to technology, systems, or games licensed or permitted under this chapter;	1909 1910 1911
(8) The fees to be charged under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code for review, approval, inspection, and monitoring of electronic instant bingo systems;	1912 1913 1914
(9) Procedures allowing the attorney general to seek a summary suspension of a license to conduct electronic instant bingo or a license to manufacture or distribute electronic instant bingo systems if the attorney general has good cause to believe that the person or organization licensed to conduct electronic instant bingo, or the person or organization licensed to manufacture or distribute electronic instant bingo systems, or any of the organization's employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, or partners, has violated this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.	1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924
(E) Whoever knowingly violates division (A), (B), or (C) of this section or a rule adopted under division (D) of this section is guilty of illegal electronic instant bingo conduct. Illegal electronic instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the first degree, except that if the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of division (A) or (B) of this section	1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930

or of a rule adopted under division (D) of this section, illegal  
instant bingo conduct is a felony of the fifth degree.

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

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

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

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

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(2) ~~If a person or~~ An entity that is described in division (A) (1) (c) of this section that conducts a traditional raffle, the person or entity shall distribute at least fifty per cent of the net profit from the raffle to a charitable purpose described in division (V) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code or to a department or agency of the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision.

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(3) An entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of this section that conducts an online raffle shall distribute the net

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profit from the proceeds of the sale of the online raffle in accordance with section 2915.101 of the Revised Code.

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~~(B) Except as provided~~ (B) (1) An entity described in division ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) of this section, no person shall conduct a raffle drawing that is for profit or a raffle drawing that is not for profit is not required to have a license issued under this chapter or to register under this chapter in order to conduct a traditional raffle to raise money for the entity.

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

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(a) The entity conducting the raffle may accept electronic payment from a participant for a ticket and may sell a ticket to a participant over the internet or by other remote means, so long as the entity conducting the raffle delivers the physical ticket, an image of the physical ticket, or a message containing the unique identifier associated with the physical ticket to the participant before the drawing is held.

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

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

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

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~~(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty of illegal conduct of a raffle. Except as otherwise~~

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~~provided in this division, illegal conduct of a raffle is a~~ 1989  
~~misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has~~ 1990  
~~been convicted of a violation of (C)(1)(a) Except as otherwise~~ 1991  
~~provided in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, an entity~~ 1992  
~~described in division (B)(A)(1) of this section, illegal~~ 1993  
~~conduct of a raffle is a felony of the fifth degree shall~~ 1994  
~~register with the attorney general under section 2915.17 of the~~ 1995  
~~Revised Code before conducting an online raffle to raise money~~ 1996  
~~for the person.~~ 1997

(b) An entity described in division (A)(1) of this section 1998  
that had two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross 1999  
receipts from the conduct of online raffles in the previous 2000  
calendar year shall obtain an online raffle license under 2001  
section 2915.18 of the Revised Code before conducting an online 2002  
raffle instead of registering under section 2915.17 of the 2003  
Revised Code. 2004

(2) All of the following apply with respect to an online 2005  
raffle conducted under this section: 2006

(a) The entity conducting the raffle shall use an online 2007  
raffle platform that is approved by the attorney general under 2008  
section 2915.19 of the Revised Code. 2009

(b) The entity conducting the raffle shall conduct the 2010  
drawing at least twenty-four hours after the last ticket is sold 2011  
for that drawing. 2012

(c) A participant in an online raffle is not required to 2013  
be physically present at the drawing to win a prize. 2014

(d) The entity conducting the raffle may award a raffle 2015  
prize only in the form of an item of tangible personal property. 2016  
The entity conducting the raffle shall not do either of the 2017

<u>following:</u>	2018
(i) <u>Award any prize in the form of cash or a cash equivalent, including a gift card or other prepaid or stored value card;</u>	2019
(ii) <u>Purchase any item of tangible personal property awarded to a participant as a prize from the participant and give the participant cash or a cash equivalent in exchange for the item.</u>	2020
(ii) <u>Purchase any item of tangible personal property awarded to a participant as a prize from the participant and give the participant cash or a cash equivalent in exchange for the item.</u>	2021
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(ii) <u>Purchase any item of tangible personal property awarded to a participant as a prize from the participant and give the participant cash or a cash equivalent in exchange for the item.</u>	2023
(ii) <u>Purchase any item of tangible personal property awarded to a participant as a prize from the participant and give the participant cash or a cash equivalent in exchange for the item.</u>	2024
(ii) <u>Purchase any item of tangible personal property awarded to a participant as a prize from the participant and give the participant cash or a cash equivalent in exchange for the item.</u>	2025
<u><b>Sec. 2915.17. (A) (1) An entity described in division (A) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code that desires to conduct an online raffle and that did not have two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross receipts from the conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year shall register with the attorney general under this section before doing so.</b></u>	2026
(2) <u>An initial or renewed raffle registration is valid for one year. A registrant shall renew the registrant's registration in the same manner as the registrant submitted the registrant's initial registration.</u>	2027
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(2) <u>An initial or renewed raffle registration is valid for one year. A registrant shall renew the registrant's registration in the same manner as the registrant submitted the registrant's initial registration.</u>	2031
(3) <u>At the time of an initial or renewed registration, the registrant shall pay the attorney general a fee of one hundred dollars.</u>	2032
(3) <u>At the time of an initial or renewed registration, the registrant shall pay the attorney general a fee of one hundred dollars.</u>	2033
(3) <u>At the time of an initial or renewed registration, the registrant shall pay the attorney general a fee of one hundred dollars.</u>	2034
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(B) <u>The registration shall be on a form prescribed by the attorney general, shall be signed and sworn to by the registrant, and shall contain all of the following:</u>	2036
(1) <u>The name and post office address of the registrant;</u>	2037
(2) <u>A statement that the registrant is an entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code;</u>	2038
(3) <u>In the case of a registrant who has not previously</u>	2039
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submitted a registration under this section, a statement of the registrant's previous history, record, and association that is sufficient to establish that the registrant is an entity described in division (A) (1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, including, if applicable, a copy of a determination letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service; 2046  
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(4) Identification of each online raffle platform the registrant intends to use. If the registrant later wishes to use a different online raffle platform, the registrant shall submit a notice to the attorney general, on a form prescribed by the attorney general, identifying the online raffle platform before the registrant uses it. 2052  
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(5) In the case of an entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, an affirmation that the net profit from each raffle will be distributed in accordance with division (A) (3) of that section and a statement of how the net profit will be distributed; 2058  
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(6) An estimate of the registrant's expected gross receipts for the calendar year from the sale of raffle tickets; 2063  
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(7) A statement that the registrant maintains all required records of its raffles under section 2915.10 of the Revised Code and the location at which those records are kept; 2065  
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(8) If the registrant is a charitable trust as defined in section 109.23 of the Revised Code, a statement as to whether it has registered with the attorney general pursuant to section 109.26 of the Revised Code or filed annual reports pursuant to section 109.31 of the Revised Code, and, if it is not required to do either, the exemption in section 109.26 or 109.31 of the Revised Code that applies to it; 2068  
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(9) If the registrant is a charitable organization as  
defined in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code, a statement as  
to whether it has filed with the attorney general a registration  
statement pursuant to section 1716.02 of the Revised Code and a  
financial report pursuant to section 1716.04 of the Revised  
Code, and, if it is not required to do both, the exemption in  
section 1716.03 of the Revised Code that applies to it; 2075  
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(10) In the case of a registrant seeking to qualify as a  
youth athletic park organization, a statement issued by a board  
or body vested with authority under Chapter 755. of the Revised  
Code for the supervision and maintenance of recreation  
facilities in the territory in which the organization is  
located, certifying that the playing fields owned by the  
organization were open for use to all residents of that  
territory, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or  
national origin, for athletic activities by youth athletic  
organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race,  
color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, and that the  
fields were not used for any profit-making activity at any time  
during the year. That type of board or body is authorized to  
issue the statement upon request and shall issue the statement  
if it finds that the applicant's playing fields were so used. 2082  
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(11) Other necessary and reasonable information that the  
attorney general may require by rule adopted pursuant to section  
111.15 of the Revised Code. 2097  
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(C) As soon as practicable after receiving a raffle  
registration under this section, the attorney general shall  
issue the registrant a statement of registration that includes  
the period of validity and any other information the attorney  
general determines is necessary. 2100  
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Sec. 2915.18. (A) (1) An entity described in division (A) 2105  
(1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code that desires to 2106  
conduct an online raffle during a calendar year and that had two 2107  
hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross receipts from 2108  
the conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year 2109  
shall apply to the attorney general for an online raffle license 2110  
before the first day of January of the year in which the online 2111  
raffle is to be conducted. 2112

(2) An initial or renewed online raffle license is valid 2113  
for one year. An applicant shall apply for a renewed license in 2114  
the same manner as for an initial license. 2115

(3) An application for an initial or renewed online raffle 2116  
license shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount equal to the 2117  
fee the applicant would be required to pay when applying for a 2118  
bingo license under division (B) of section 2915.08 of the 2119  
Revised Code. 2120

(B) Subject to division (H) of this section, an 2121  
application for an online raffle license shall be on a form 2122  
prescribed by the attorney general, shall be signed and sworn to 2123  
by the applicant, and shall contain all of the following: 2124

(1) The name and post office address of the applicant; 2125

(2) A statement that the applicant is an entity described 2126  
in division (A)(1) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code; 2127

(3) In the case of an application for an initial online 2128  
raffle license, a statement of the applicant's previous history, 2129  
record, and association that is sufficient to establish that the 2130  
applicant is an entity described in division (A)(1) of section 2131  
2915.16 of the Revised Code, including, if applicable, a copy of 2132  
a determination letter issued by the internal revenue service; 2133

(4) Identification of each online raffle platform the  
applicant intends to use. If the license is granted and the  
applicant later wishes to use a different online raffle  
platform, the applicant shall submit a notice to the attorney  
general, on a form prescribed by the attorney general,  
identifying the online raffle platform before the applicant uses  
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(5) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever had  
any previous application refused under this chapter, whether it  
previously has had a license revoked or suspended under this  
chapter, and the reason stated by the attorney general for the  
refusal, revocation, or suspension; 2141  
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(6) In the case of an entity described in division (A) (1)  
(c) of section 2915.16 of the Revised Code, an affirmation that  
the net profit from the proceeds of the online raffles will be  
distributed in accordance with section 2915.101 of the Revised  
Code and a statement of how the net profit will be distributed; 2146  
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(7) A statement that the applicant maintains all required  
records of its raffles under section 2915.10 of the Revised Code  
and the location at which those records are kept; 2151  
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(8) If the applicant is a charitable trust as defined in  
section 109.23 of the Revised Code, a statement as to whether it  
has registered with the attorney general pursuant to section  
109.26 of the Revised Code or filed annual reports pursuant to  
section 109.31 of the Revised Code, and, if it is not required  
to do either, the exemption in section 109.26 or 109.31 of the  
Revised Code that applies to it; 2154  
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(9) If the applicant is a charitable organization as  
defined in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code, a statement as 2161  
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to whether it has filed with the attorney general a registration 2163  
statement pursuant to section 1716.02 of the Revised Code and a 2164  
financial report pursuant to section 1716.04 of the Revised 2165  
Code, and, if it is not required to do both, the exemption in 2166  
section 1716.03 of the Revised Code that applies to it; 2167

(10) In the case of an applicant seeking to qualify as a 2168  
youth athletic park organization, a statement issued by a board 2169  
or body vested with authority under Chapter 755. of the Revised 2170  
Code for the supervision and maintenance of recreation 2171  
facilities in the territory in which the organization is 2172  
located, certifying that the playing fields owned by the 2173  
organization were open for use to all residents of that 2174  
territory, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or 2175  
national origin, for athletic activities by youth athletic 2176  
organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, 2177  
color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, and that the 2178  
fields were not used for any profit-making activity at any time 2179  
during the year. That type of board or body is authorized to 2180  
issue the statement upon request and shall issue the statement 2181  
if it finds that the applicant's playing fields were so used. 2182

(11) Other necessary and reasonable information that the 2183  
attorney general may require by rule adopted pursuant to section 2184  
111.15 of the Revised Code. 2185

(C) As soon as practicable after receiving an application 2186  
for an initial or renewed online raffle license, the attorney 2187  
general shall conduct a preliminary review of the application 2188  
and notify the applicant regarding any deficiencies. Not later 2189  
than thirty days after the attorney general receives a completed 2190  
application, or not later than thirty days after the application 2191  
is submitted if the attorney general does not notify the 2192

applicant of any deficiency, the attorney general shall grant, 2193  
grant with limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions, or 2194  
deny the application based on findings established and 2195  
communicated in accordance with this section. As an option to 2196  
granting, granting with limits, restrictions, or probationary 2197  
conditions, or denying an initial license application, the 2198  
attorney general may grant a temporary license and request 2199  
additional time to conduct the investigation if the attorney 2200  
general has cause to believe that additional time is necessary 2201  
to complete the investigation and has notified the applicant in 2202  
writing about the specific concerns raised during the 2203  
investigation. 2204

(D) (1) If any of the following applies to an entity, the 2205  
attorney general may refuse to grant an online raffle license to 2206  
the entity, may revoke or suspend the entity's online raffle 2207  
license, or may place limits, restrictions, or probationary 2208  
conditions on the entity's online raffle license for a limited 2209  
or indefinite period, as determined by the attorney general: 2210

(a) The entity fails or has failed at any time to meet any 2211  
requirement of this chapter, of section 109.26, 109.31, or 2212  
1716.02 of the Revised Code, or of any rule adopted by the 2213  
attorney general pursuant to this chapter. 2214

(b) The entity makes or has made an incorrect or false 2215  
statement that is material to the granting of the license in an 2216  
application filed under this section. 2217

(c) The entity submits or has submitted any incorrect or 2218  
false information relating to an application if the information 2219  
is material to the granting of the license. 2220

(d) The entity maintains or has maintained any incorrect 2221

or false information that is material to the granting of the 2222  
license in the records required to be kept pursuant to section 2223  
2915.10 of the Revised Code, if applicable. 2224

(e) The attorney general has good cause to believe that 2225  
the entity will not conduct online raffles in accordance with 2226  
this chapter or with any rule adopted by the attorney general 2227  
pursuant to this chapter. 2228

(2) If the attorney general has good cause to believe that 2229  
any director or officer of the entity has breached the 2230  
director's or officer's fiduciary duty to, or committed theft or 2231  
any other type of misconduct related to, the entity or any other 2232  
entity that has been issued an online raffle license under this 2233  
chapter, the attorney general may refuse to grant a license to 2234  
the entity, may impose limits, restrictions, or probationary 2235  
conditions on the license, or may revoke or suspend the entity's 2236  
license for a period not to exceed five years. 2237

(3) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on an 2238  
entity licensed under this section for failure to comply with 2239  
any restrictions, limits, or probationary conditions on its 2240  
license, and for failure to comply with this chapter or any rule 2241  
adopted under this chapter, according to a schedule of fines 2242  
that the attorney general shall adopt in accordance with Chapter 2243  
119. of the Revised Code. 2244

(4) For the purposes of division (D) of this section, any 2245  
action of an officer, trustee, agent, or representative of an 2246  
entity is an action of the entity. 2247

(E) The attorney general shall send notice of any of the 2248  
following actions in writing to the prosecuting attorney and 2249  
sheriff of the county in which the entity is located and to any 2250

<u>other law enforcement agency in that county that so requests, of</u>	2251
<u>all of the following:</u>	2252
(1) <u>The issuance of a license under this section;</u>	2253
(2) <u>The issuance of an amended license under this section;</u>	2254
(3) <u>The rejection of an application for and refusal to</u>	2255
<u>grant a license under this section;</u>	2256
(4) <u>The revocation of any license previously issued under</u>	2257
<u>this section;</u>	2258
(5) <u>The suspension of any license previously issued under</u>	2259
<u>this section;</u>	2260
(6) <u>The placing of any limits, restrictions, or</u>	2261
<u>probationary conditions placed on a license issued under this</u>	2262
<u>section.</u>	2263
(F) <u>A license issued by the attorney general under this</u>	2264
<u>section shall set forth the information contained on the</u>	2265
<u>entity's application that the attorney general determines is</u>	2266
<u>relevant.</u>	2267
(G) <u>If the attorney general refuses to grant, places</u>	2268
<u>limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revokes</u>	2269
<u>or suspends a license, the attorney general shall notify the</u>	2270
<u>entity in writing and specifically identify the reason for the</u>	2271
<u>refusal, revocation, limit, restriction, probationary condition,</u>	2272
<u>or suspension in narrative form and, if applicable, by</u>	2273
<u>identifying the section of the Revised Code violated. The</u>	2274
<u>failure of the attorney general to give the written notice of</u>	2275
<u>the reasons for the refusal, revocation, limit, restriction,</u>	2276
<u>probationary condition, or suspension or a mistake in the</u>	2277
<u>written notice does not affect the validity of the attorney</u>	2278

general's refusal to grant, or the revocation or suspension of, 2279  
or limit, restriction, probationary condition on, a license. If 2280  
the attorney general fails to give the written notice or if 2281  
there is a mistake in the written notice, the entity may bring 2282  
an action to compel the attorney general to comply with this 2283  
division or to correct the mistake, but the attorney general's 2284  
order refusing to grant, or placing a limit, restriction, or 2285  
probationary condition on, or revoking or suspending, a license 2286  
shall not be enjoined during the pendency of the action. 2287

(H) A charitable organization that applies for an online 2288  
raffle license under this section at the same time as the 2289  
organization applies for a bingo license under section 2915.08 2290  
of the Revised Code is not required to submit any information or 2291  
documentation with its application for an online raffle license 2292  
that is the same as the information or documentation the 2293  
organization is required to submit with its application for a 2294  
bingo license. The attorney general shall prescribe a combined 2295  
application form for a bingo license and an online raffle 2296  
license in order to carry out the purposes of this division. 2297

**Sec. 2915.19.** (A) (1) Before permitting an online raffle 2298  
platform to be used to conduct an online raffle, the distributor 2299  
or manufacturer of an online raffle platform shall submit the 2300  
platform, along with any associated equipment or software used 2301  
to operate, manage, monitor, or document any aspect of an online 2302  
raffle, to an independent testing laboratory that is approved by 2303  
the attorney general for testing and evaluation to determine 2304  
whether the platform and associated equipment or software meet 2305  
the requirements of this chapter and of rules adopted under this 2306  
chapter. The distributor or manufacturer shall pay all costs of 2307  
that testing and evaluation. 2308

(2) If the independent testing laboratory certifies that  
the online raffle platform and associated equipment or software  
meet the requirements of this chapter and of rules adopted under  
this chapter, the distributor or manufacturer may submit the  
platform and associated equipment or software, along with a copy  
of the laboratory's certification and a fee established by the  
attorney general by rule under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code,  
to the attorney general for review and approval. 2309  
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(3) The attorney general shall approve the online raffle  
platform for use in this state if the attorney general  
determines that the platform meets the requirements of this  
chapter and of the rules adopted under this chapter. 2317  
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(B) The distributor of an approved online raffle platform  
promptly shall notify the attorney general of any planned  
significant change to the operation of the platform, as defined  
by the attorney general by rule. Before any such significant  
change takes effect, the attorney general may order that the  
distributor resubmit the platform, along with any associated  
equipment or software, to an independent testing laboratory  
under division (A) of this section as a condition of continued  
approval of the platform. 2321  
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(C) The attorney general may inspect an approved online  
raffle platform and any associated equipment or software at any  
time to ensure that the platform is in compliance with this  
chapter and with the rules adopted under this chapter. If the  
attorney general determines that any person or any online raffle  
platform is in violation of any provision of this chapter or of  
any rule adopted under this chapter, the attorney general may  
order that the violation immediately cease and may revoke the  
approval of the platform. 2330  
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<u>(D) The attorney general may establish by rule adopted</u>	2339
<u>under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code an annual fee to be paid</u>	2340
<u>by the distributors of online raffle platforms in order to pay</u>	2341
<u>the cost of monitoring and inspecting the platforms under this</u>	2342
<u>section.</u>	2343
 <u><b>Sec. 2915.20. (A) Except as permitted under section</b></u>	2344
<u>2915.16 of the Revised Code, no person or entity shall knowingly</u>	2345
<u>conduct a raffle that is for profit or a raffle that is not for</u>	2346
<u>profit.</u>	2347
 <u>(B) (1) No entity that conducts an online raffle shall</u>	2348
<u>knowingly fail to use an online raffle platform that is approved</u>	2349
<u>by the attorney general under section 2915.19 of the Revised</u>	2350
<u>Code.</u>	2351
 <u>(2) No entity that conducts an online raffle and that had</u>	2352
<u>less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in gross receipts</u>	2353
<u>from the conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year</u>	2354
<u>shall knowingly fail to register under section 2915.17 of the</u>	2355
<u>Revised Code.</u>	2356
 <u>(3) No entity that conducts an online raffle and that had</u>	2357
<u>two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in gross receipts</u>	2358
<u>from the conduct of online raffles in the previous calendar year</u>	2359
<u>shall knowingly fail to have a current and valid online raffle</u>	2360
<u>license issued under section 2915.18 of the Revised Code.</u>	2361
 <u>(4) No entity described in division (A) (1) (c) of section</u>	2362
<u>2915.16 of the Revised Code shall knowingly fail to distribute</u>	2363
<u>the net profit from the proceeds of an online raffle in</u>	2364
<u>accordance with division (A) (3) of that section.</u>	2365
 <u>(5) No entity that conducts an online raffle shall</u>	2366
<u>knowingly purchase any item of tangible personal property</u>	2367

awarded to a participant as a prize from the participant and 2368  
give the participant cash or a cash equivalent in exchange for 2369  
the item. 2370

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of illegal 2371  
conduct of a raffle. Except as otherwise provided in this 2372  
division, illegal conduct of a raffle is a misdemeanor of the 2373  
first degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a 2374  
violation of this section, illegal conduct of a raffle is a 2375  
felony of the fifth degree. 2376

**Section 2.** That existing sections 109.32, 2915.01, 2377  
2915.07, 2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.092, 2915.093, 2378  
2915.10, 2915.101, and 2915.14 of the Revised Code are hereby 2379  
repealed. 2380

**Section 3.** The requirements of sections 2915.101 and 2381  
2915.092 (2915.16) of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, 2382  
apply only to gross receipts from online raffles conducted on or 2383  
after the effective date of this section. 2384

**Section 4.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 2385  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 2386  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 2387  
ensure that charitable organizations are able to continue 2388  
raising necessary funds for their operations. Therefore, this 2389  
act shall go into immediate effect. 2390