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To amend sections 109.32, 2915.02, 2915.08, 1
2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.10, and 2915.14 and to 2
enact sections 2915.021 and 2915.083 of the 3
Revised Code to modify the Attorney General's 4
authority under the Charitable Gaming Law and to 5
make related changes to that law. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 109.32, 2915.02, 2915.08, 7
2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.10, and 2915.14 be amended and sections 8
2915.021 and 2915.083 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 9
follows: 10

Sec. 109.32. (A) All annual filing fees obtained by the 11
attorney general pursuant to section 109.31 of the Revised Code, 12
all receipts obtained from the sale of the charitable 13
foundations directory, all registration fees received by the 14
attorney general, bond forfeitures, awards of costs and 15
attorney's fees, and civil penalties assessed under Chapter 16
1716. of the Revised Code, all license fees received by the 17
attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of 18
the Revised Code, all fees received by the attorney general 19
under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code, and all filing fees 20
received by the attorney general under divisions (F) and (G) of 21

section 2915.02 of the Revised Code, shall be paid into the 22
state treasury to the credit of the charitable law fund. 23

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) (2) 24
and (3) of this section, the charitable law fund shall be used 25
insofar as its moneys are available for the expenses of the 26
charitable law section of the office of the attorney general. 27

(2) All annual license fees that are received by the 28
attorney general under section 2915.08, 2915.081, or 2915.082 of 29
the Revised Code, and all filing fees received by the attorney 30
general under divisions (F) and (G) of section 2915.02 of the 31
Revised Code, that are credited to the fund shall be used by the 32
attorney general, or any law enforcement agency in cooperation 33
with the attorney general, for the purposes specified in 34
~~division (H) of section 2915.10~~ 2915.021 of the Revised Code and 35
to administer and enforce Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code. 36

(3) All fees received by the attorney general under 37
section 2915.15 of the Revised Code that are credited to the 38
fund shall be used for the purposes specified in that section. 39

(C) The expenses of the charitable law section in excess 40
of moneys available in the charitable law fund shall be paid out 41
of regular appropriations to the office of the attorney general. 42

Sec. 2915.02. (A) No person shall do any of the following: 43

(1) Engage in bookmaking, or knowingly engage in conduct 44
that facilitates bookmaking; 45

(2) Establish, promote, or operate or knowingly engage in 46
conduct that facilitates any game of chance conducted for profit 47
or any scheme of chance; 48

(3) Knowingly procure, transmit, exchange, or engage in 49

conduct that facilitates the procurement, transmission, or 50
exchange of information for use in establishing odds or 51
determining winners in connection with bookmaking or with any 52
game of chance conducted for profit or any scheme of chance; 53

(4) Engage in betting or in playing any scheme or game of 54
chance as a substantial source of income or livelihood; 55

(5) Conduct, or participate in the conduct of, a 56
sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal device at a 57
sweepstakes terminal device facility and either: 58

(a) Give to another person any item described in division 59
(VV) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code 60
as a prize for playing or participating in a sweepstakes; or 61

(b) Give to another person any merchandise prize, or a 62
redeemable voucher for a merchandise prize, the wholesale value 63
of which is in excess of ten dollars and which is awarded as a 64
single entry for playing or participating in a sweepstakes. 65
Redeemable vouchers shall not be redeemable for a merchandise 66
prize that has a wholesale value of more than ten dollars. 67

(6) Conduct, or participate in the conduct of, a 68
sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal device at a 69
sweepstakes terminal device facility without first obtaining a 70
current annual "certificate of registration" from the attorney 71
general as required by division (F) of this section; 72

(7) With purpose to violate division (A) (1), (2), (3), 73
(4), (5), or (6) of this section, acquire, possess, control, or 74
operate any gambling device. 75

(B) For purposes of division (A) (1) of this section, a 76
person facilitates bookmaking if the person in any way knowingly 77
aids an illegal bookmaking operation, including, without 78

limitation, placing a bet with a person engaged in or 79
facilitating illegal bookmaking. For purposes of division (A) (2) 80
of this section, a person facilitates a game of chance conducted 81
for profit or a scheme of chance if the person in any way 82
knowingly aids in the conduct or operation of any such game or 83
scheme, including, without limitation, playing any such game or 84
scheme. 85

(C) This section does not prohibit conduct in connection 86
with gambling expressly permitted by law. 87

(D) This section does not apply to any of the following: 88

(1) Games of chance, if all of the following apply: 89

(a) The games of chance are not craps for money or 90
roulette for money. 91

(b) The games of chance are conducted by a charitable 92
organization that is, and has received from the internal revenue 93
service a determination letter that is currently in effect, 94
stating that the organization is~~r~~ exempt from federal income 95
taxation under subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 96
501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. 97

(c) The games of chance are conducted at festivals of the 98
charitable organization that are conducted not more than a total 99
of five days a calendar year, and are conducted on premises 100
owned by the charitable organization for a period of no less 101
than one year immediately preceding the conducting of the games 102
of chance, on premises leased from a governmental unit, or on 103
premises that are leased from a veteran's or fraternal 104
organization and that have been owned by the lessor veteran's or 105
fraternal organization for a period of no less than one year 106
immediately preceding the conducting of the games of chance. 107

A charitable organization shall not lease premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in division (D) (1) (c) of this section if the veteran's or fraternal organization already has leased the premises twelve times during the preceding year to charitable organizations for that purpose. If a charitable organization leases premises from a veteran's or fraternal organization to conduct a festival described in division (D) (1) (c) of this section, the charitable organization shall not pay a rental rate for the premises per day of the festival that exceeds the rental rate per bingo session that a charitable organization may pay under division (B) (1) of section 2915.09 of the Revised Code when it leases premises from another charitable organization to conduct bingo games.

(d) All of the money or assets received from the games of chance after deduction only of prizes paid out during the conduct of the games of chance are used by, or given, donated, or otherwise transferred to, 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;

(e) The games of chance are not conducted during, or within ten hours of, a bingo game conducted for amusement purposes only pursuant to section 2915.12 of the Revised Code.

No person shall receive any commission, wage, salary, reward, tip, donation, gratuity, or other form of compensation, directly or indirectly, for operating or assisting in the operation of any game of chance.

(2) Any tag fishing tournament operated under a permit

issued under section 1533.92 of the Revised Code, as "tag 138
fishing tournament" is defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised 139
Code; 140

(3) Bingo conducted by a charitable organization that 141
holds a license issued under section 2915.08 of the Revised 142
Code. 143

(E) Division (D) of this section shall not be construed to 144
authorize the sale, lease, or other temporary or permanent 145
transfer of the right to conduct games of chance, as granted by 146
that division, by any charitable organization that is granted 147
that right. 148

(F) Any person desiring to conduct, or participate in the 149
conduct of, a sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal 150
device at a sweepstakes terminal device facility shall first 151
register with the office of the attorney general and obtain an 152
annual certificate of registration by providing a filing fee of 153
two hundred dollars and all information as required by rule 154
adopted under division (H) of this section. Not later than the 155
tenth day of each month, each sweepstakes terminal device 156
operator shall file a sweepstakes terminal device monthly report 157
with the attorney general and provide a filing fee of fifty 158
dollars and all information required by rule adopted under 159
division (H) of this section. All information provided to the 160
attorney general under this division shall be available to law 161
enforcement upon request. 162

(G) A person may apply to the attorney general, on a form 163
prescribed by the attorney general, for a certificate of 164
compliance that the person is not operating a sweepstakes 165
terminal device facility. The form shall require the person to 166
include the address of the business location where sweepstakes 167

terminal devices will be used and to make the following	168
certifications:	169
(1) That the person will not use more than two sweepstakes	170
terminal devices at the business location;	171
(2) That the retail value of sweepstakes prizes to be	172
awarded at the business location using sweepstakes terminal	173
devices during a reporting period will be less than three per	174
cent of the gross revenue received at the business location	175
during the reporting period;	176
(3) That no other form of gaming except lottery ticket	177
sales as authorized under Chapter 3770. of the Revised Code will	178
be conducted at the business location or in an adjoining area of	179
the business location;	180
(4) That any sweepstakes terminal device at the business	181
location will not allow any deposit of any money, coin, or	182
token, or the use of any credit card, debit card, prepaid card,	183
or any other method of similar payment to be used, directly or	184
indirectly, to participate in a sweepstakes;	185
(5) That notification of any prize will not take place on	186
the same day as a participant's sweepstakes entry; and	187
(6) That the person consents to provide any other	188
information to the attorney general as required by rule adopted	189
under division (H) of this section.	190
The filing fee for a certificate of compliance is two	191
hundred fifty dollars. The attorney general may charge up to an	192
additional two hundred fifty dollars for reasonable expenses	193
resulting from any investigation related to an application for a	194
certificate of compliance.	195

A certificate of compliance is effective for one year. The 196
certificate holder may reapply for a certificate of compliance. 197
A person issued a certificate of compliance shall file 198
semiannual reports with the attorney general stating the number 199
of sweepstakes terminal devices at the business location and 200
that the retail value of prizes awarded at the business location 201
using sweepstakes terminal devices is less than three per cent 202
of the gross revenue received at the business location. 203

(H) The attorney general shall adopt rules setting forth: 204

(1) The required information to be submitted by persons 205
conducting a sweepstakes with the use of a sweepstakes terminal 206
device at a sweepstakes terminal device facility as described in 207
division (F) of this section; and 208

(2) The requirements pertaining to a certificate of 209
compliance under division (G) of this section, which shall 210
provide for a person to file a consolidated application and a 211
consolidated semiannual report if a person has more than one 212
business location. 213

The attorney general shall issue a certificate of 214
registration or a certificate of compliance to all persons who 215
have successfully satisfied the applicable requirements of this 216
section. The attorney general shall post online a registry of 217
all properly registered and certified sweepstakes terminal 218
device operators. 219

(I) The attorney general may refuse to issue an annual 220
certificate of registration or certificate of compliance to any 221
person or, if one has been issued, the attorney general may 222
revoke a certificate of registration or a certificate of 223
compliance if the applicant has provided any information to the 224

attorney general as part of a registration, certification, 225
monthly report, semiannual report, or any other information that 226
is materially false or misleading, or if the applicant or any 227
officer, partner, or owner of five per cent or more interest in 228
the applicant has violated any provision of this chapter. 229

~~(J) The attorney general may take any necessary and 230
reasonable action to determine a violation of this chapter, 231
including requesting documents and information, performing 232
inspections of premises, or requiring the attendance of any 233
person at an examination under oath. 234~~

~~(K) Whoever violates this section is guilty of gambling, a 235
misdemeanor of the first degree. If the offender previously has 236
been convicted of any gambling offense, gambling is a felony of 237
the fifth degree. Notwithstanding this division, failing to file 238
a sweepstakes terminal device monthly report as required by 239
division (F) of this section or the semiannual report required 240
by division (G) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first 241
degree. 242~~

Sec. 2915.021. (A) The attorney general may take any 243
necessary and reasonable action to determine whether a violation 244
of this chapter or the rules of the attorney general adopted 245
under this chapter is occurring or has occurred, including all 246
of the following: 247

(1) Investigating any person, including a charitable 248
organization, distributor, or manufacturer or any officer, 249
agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, 250
distributor, or manufacturer; 251

(2) Conducting inspections of premises. 252

An inspection of premises may be conducted only when the 253

premises is open for business or when the investigator or 254
inspector reasonably believes that activity is occurring on the 255
premises. 256

An inspection of premises may include the search and 257
seizure of books, records, gambling devices, and other 258
materials, wherever they may be found on the premises, if the 259
investigator or inspector reasonably suspects that they are 260
evidence of such a violation. 261

(3) Conducting inspections, audits, and observations of 262
bingo or games of chance; 263

(4) Requiring the production of documentary material; 264

(5) Requiring the attendance of any person, including any 265
person who has knowledge of any documentary material required to 266
be produced under division (A) (4) of this section, to testify 267
under oath in one of the following locations, as applicable: 268

(a) The county in which the person resides or has a place 269
of business; 270

(b) Franklin county, if the person has no residence or 271
place of business in this state or if the person consents to 272
testify there. 273

(B) In addition to pursuing any other remedy authorized by 274
law, the attorney general may bring a civil action to enforce 275
this chapter or any rule of the attorney general adopted under 276
this chapter. 277

(C) A prosecuting attorney who brings a criminal or civil 278
action to enforce this chapter shall give written notice to the 279
attorney general when commencing the action. 280

(D) No person shall knowingly do any of the following: 281

(1) Destroy, alter, conceal, withhold, or deny access to 282
any documentary material that has been requested for examination 283
or required to be produced under this section; 284

(2) Obstruct, impede, or interfere with any inspection, 285
audit, or observation under this section; 286

(3) Refuse to comply with any reasonable request of, or 287
obstruct, impede, or interfere with any other reasonable action 288
undertaken by, the attorney general pursuant to this section. 289

(E) Whoever violates division (D) of this section is 290
guilty of obstructing a gambling investigation, a misdemeanor of 291
the first degree. 292

(F) Any documentary material obtained by the attorney 293
general pursuant to an investigation conducted under this 294
section is not subject to disclosure as a public record under 295
section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 296

Sec. 2915.08. (A) (1) Except as otherwise permitted under 297
section 2915.092 of the Revised Code, ~~annually before the first~~ 298
~~day of January,~~ a charitable organization that desires to 299
conduct bingo shall apply to the attorney general for one or 300
more of the following types of licenses to conduct bingo, as 301
appropriate: 302

(a) A type I license to conduct bingo as described in 303
division (O) (1) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code; 304

(b) A type II license to conduct instant bingo, electronic 305
instant bingo, or both at a bingo session; 306

(c) A type III license to conduct instant bingo, 307
electronic instant bingo, or both other than at a bingo session, 308
in accordance with sections 2915.093 to 2915.095 or sections 309

2915.13 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code, as applicable. 310

(2) A veteran's organization or fraternal organization 311
that is authorized under section 2915.14 of the Revised Code to 312
conduct electronic instant bingo may be issued only one license 313
to conduct electronic instant bingo at any one time. The 314
organization may conduct electronic instant bingo under that 315
license at only one location specified on the license, which 316
shall be the organization's principal place of business. 317

(3) An initial or renewed license issued under this 318
section is valid for a period of one year. The attorney general 319
shall prescribe by rule adopted pursuant to section 111.15 of 320
the Revised Code a staggered annual schedule of license 321
application deadlines in order to facilitate the efficient 322
processing of applications. 323

(B) The application shall be accompanied by a license fee 324
as follows: 325

(1) If the charitable organization was not licensed to 326
conduct bingo under this chapter before July 1, 2003, a fee 327
established by the attorney general by rule adopted pursuant to 328
section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 329

(2) If the charitable organization was licensed to conduct 330
bingo under this chapter before July 1, 2003, the following 331
applicable fee: 332

(a) For a type I license for a charitable organization 333
that wishes to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 334
any calendar year, a license fee of two hundred dollars; 335

(b) For a type II or type III license for a charitable 336
organization that previously has not been licensed under this 337
chapter to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo and 338

that wishes to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 339
any calendar year, a license fee of five hundred dollars; 340

(c) For a type II or type III license for a charitable 341
organization that previously has been licensed under this 342
chapter to conduct instant bingo or electronic instant bingo and 343
that desires to conduct bingo during twenty-six or more weeks in 344
any calendar year, a license fee that is based upon the gross 345
profits received by the charitable organization from the 346
operation of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo during 347
the one-year period ending on the ~~thirty-first day of October of~~ 348
~~the year immediately preceding~~ date that is two months before 349
the year application deadline for which the license is sought 350
renewal, and that is one of the following: 351

(i) Five hundred dollars, if the total is fifty thousand 352
dollars or less; 353

(ii) One thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one- 354
fourth per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than 355
fifty thousand dollars but less than two hundred fifty thousand 356
one dollars; 357

(iii) Two thousand two hundred fifty dollars plus one-half 358
per cent of the gross profit, if the total is more than two 359
hundred fifty thousand dollars but less than five hundred 360
thousand one dollars; 361

(iv) Three thousand five hundred dollars plus one per cent 362
of the gross profit, if the total is more than five hundred 363
thousand dollars but less than one million one dollars; 364

(v) Five thousand dollars plus one per cent of the gross 365
profit, if the total is one million one dollars or more. 366

~~(e)~~(d) For a type I, type II, or type III license for a 367

charitable organization that desires to conduct bingo during 368
fewer than twenty-six weeks in any calendar year, a reduced 369
license fee established by the attorney general by rule adopted 370
pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 371

(C) The application shall be in the form prescribed by the 372
attorney general, shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant, 373
and shall contain all of the following: 374

(1) The name and post-office address of the applicant; 375

(2) A statement that the applicant is a charitable 376
organization and that it has been in continuous existence as a 377
charitable organization in this state for two years immediately 378
preceding the making of the application; 379

(3) The location at which the organization will conduct 380
bingo, which location shall be within the county in which the 381
principal place of business of the applicant is located, the 382
days of the week and the times on each of those days when bingo 383
will be conducted, whether the organization owns, leases, or 384
subleases the premises, and a copy of the rental agreement if it 385
leases or subleases the premises; 386

(4) A statement of the applicant's previous history, 387
record, and association that is sufficient to establish that the 388
applicant is a charitable organization, and a copy of a 389
determination letter that is issued by the Internal Revenue 390
Service and states that the organization is tax exempt under 391
subsection 501(a) and described in subsection 501(c) (3), 501(c) 392
(4), 501(c) (7), 501(c) (8), 501(c) (10), or 501(c) (19) of the 393
Internal Revenue Code; 394

(5) A statement as to whether the applicant has ever had 395
any previous application refused, whether it previously has had 396

a license revoked or suspended, and the reason stated by the attorney general for the refusal, revocation, or suspension;

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

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

(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;

(9) If the applicant 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;

(10) In the case of an applicant 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 426
located, certifying that the playing fields owned by the 427
organization were open for use to all residents of that 428
territory, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or 429
national origin, for athletic activities by youth athletic 430
organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, 431
color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin, and that the 432
fields were not used for any profit-making activity at any time 433
during the year. That type of board or body is authorized to 434
issue the statement upon request and shall issue the statement 435
if it finds that the applicant's playing fields were so used. 436

(D) The attorney general, within thirty days after 437
receiving a timely filed application from a charitable 438
organization that has been issued a license under this section 439
that has not expired and has not been revoked or suspended, 440
shall send a temporary permit to the applicant specifying the 441
date on which the application was filed with the attorney 442
general and stating that, pursuant to section 119.06 of the 443
Revised Code, the applicant may continue to conduct bingo until 444
a new license is granted or, if the application is rejected, 445
until fifteen days after notice of the rejection is mailed to 446
the applicant. The temporary permit does not affect the validity 447
of the applicant's application and does not grant any rights to 448
the applicant except those rights specifically granted in 449
section 119.06 of the Revised Code. The issuance of a temporary 450
permit by the attorney general pursuant to this division does 451
not prohibit the attorney general from rejecting the applicant's 452
application because of acts that the applicant committed, or 453
actions that the applicant failed to take, before or after the 454
issuance of the temporary permit. 455

(E) Within thirty days after receiving an initial license 456

application from a charitable organization to conduct bingo, the 457
attorney general shall conduct a preliminary review of the 458
application and notify the applicant regarding any deficiencies. 459
Once an application is deemed complete, or beginning on the 460
thirtieth day after the application is filed, if the attorney 461
general failed to notify the applicant of any deficiencies, the 462
attorney general shall have an additional sixty days to conduct 463
an investigation and either grant, grant with limits, 464
restrictions, or probationary conditions, or deny the 465
application based on findings established and communicated in 466
accordance with divisions (F) and (I) of this section. As an 467
option to granting, granting with limits, restrictions, or 468
probationary conditions, or denying an initial license 469
application, the attorney general may grant a temporary license 470
and request additional time to conduct the investigation if the 471
attorney general has cause to believe that additional time is 472
necessary to complete the investigation and has notified the 473
applicant in writing about the specific concerns raised during 474
the investigation. 475

(F) (1) The attorney general shall adopt rules to enforce 476
sections 2915.01, 2915.02, and 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised 477
Code to ensure that bingo is conducted in accordance with those 478
sections and to maintain proper control over the conduct of 479
bingo. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the rules 480
shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 481
The attorney general shall license charitable organizations to 482
conduct bingo in conformance with this chapter and with the 483
licensing provisions of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 484

(2) If any of the following applies to an organization, 485
the attorney general may refuse to grant a license to the 486
organization, may revoke or suspend the organization's license, 487

or may place limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions on 488
the organization's license for a limited or indefinite period, 489
as determined by the attorney general: 490

(a) The organization fails or has failed at any time to 491
meet any requirement of section 109.26, 109.31, or 1716.02, or 492
sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code, or violates or 493
has violated any provision of sections 2915.02 or 2915.07 to 494
2915.13 of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the attorney 495
general pursuant to this chapter. 496

(b) The organization makes or has made an incorrect or 497
false statement that is material to the granting of the license 498
in an application filed under this section. 499

(c) The organization submits or has submitted any 500
incorrect or false information relating to an application if the 501
information is material to the granting of the license. 502

(d) The organization maintains or has maintained any 503
incorrect or false information that is material to the granting 504
of the license in the records required to be kept pursuant to 505
section 2915.10 of the Revised Code, if applicable. 506

(e) The attorney general has good cause to believe that 507
the organization will not conduct bingo in accordance with 508
sections 2915.07 to 2915.15 of the Revised Code or with any rule 509
adopted by the attorney general pursuant to this chapter. 510

(3) If the attorney general has good cause to believe that 511
any director or officer of the organization has breached the 512
director's or officer's fiduciary duty to, or committed theft or 513
any other type of misconduct related to, the organization or any 514
other charitable organization that has been issued a bingo 515
license under this chapter, the attorney general may refuse to 516

grant a license to the organization, may impose limits, 517
restrictions, or probationary conditions on the license, or may 518
revoke or suspend the organization's license for a period not to 519
exceed five years. 520

(4) The attorney general may adopt rules under Chapter 521
119. of the Revised Code prescribing procedures allowing the 522
attorney general to seek a summary suspension of an 523
organization's license issued under this section, temporary 524
license issued under this section, or temporary permit issued 525
under this section if the attorney general has good cause to 526
believe that the organization or any of the organization's 527
employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, or 528
partners, has violated this chapter or a rule adopted under this 529
chapter. 530

(5) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on an 531
organization licensed or permitted under this chapter for 532
failure to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 533
conditions on its license, and for failure to comply with this 534
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 535
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 536
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 537

~~(5)~~ (6) For the purposes of division (F) of this section, 538
any action of an officer, trustee, agent, representative, or 539
bingo game operator of an organization is an action of the 540
organization. 541

(G) The attorney general may grant licenses to charitable 542
organizations that are branches, lodges, or chapters of national 543
charitable organizations. 544

(H) The attorney general shall send notice of any of the 545

following actions in writing to the prosecuting attorney and	546
sheriff of the county in which the charitable organization is	547
located and to any other law enforcement agency in that county	548
that so requests, of all of the following:	549
(1) The issuance of a license under this section;	550
(2) The issuance of an amended license under this section;	551
(3) The rejection of an application for and refusal to	552
grant a license under this section;	553
(4) The revocation of any license previously issued under	554
this section;	555
(5) The suspension of any license previously issued under	556
this section;	557
(6) The placing of any limits, restrictions, or	558
probationary conditions placed on a license issued under this	559
section.	560
(I) A license issued by the attorney general under this	561
section shall set forth the information contained on the	562
application of the charitable organization that the attorney	563
general determines is relevant, including, but not limited to,	564
the location at which the organization will conduct bingo,	565
whether the license is a type I, type II, or type III license,	566
and the days of the week and the times on each of those days	567
when bingo will be conducted. If the attorney general refuses to	568
grant, places limits, restrictions, or probationary conditions	569
on, or revokes or suspends a license, the attorney general shall	570
notify the applicant in writing and specifically identify the	571
reason for the refusal, revocation, limit, restriction,	572
probationary condition, or suspension in narrative form and, if	573
applicable, by identifying the section of the Revised Code	574

violated. The failure of the attorney general to give the 575
written notice of the reasons for the refusal, revocation, 576
limit, restriction, probationary condition, or suspension or a 577
mistake in the written notice does not affect the validity of 578
the attorney general's refusal to grant, or the revocation or 579
suspension of, or limit, restriction, probationary condition on, 580
a license. If the attorney general fails to give the written 581
notice or if there is a mistake in the written notice, the 582
applicant may bring an action to compel the attorney general to 583
comply with this division or to correct the mistake, but the 584
attorney general's order refusing to grant, or placing a limit, 585
restriction, or probationary condition on, or revoking or 586
suspending, a license shall not be enjoined during the pendency 587
of the action. 588

(J) (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (2) 589
of this section, a charitable organization that has been issued 590
a license under this section but that cannot conduct bingo at 591
the location, or on the day of the week or at the time, 592
specified on the license due to circumstances that make it 593
impractical to do so, or that desires to conduct instant bingo 594
other than at a bingo session at additional locations not 595
identified on the license, may apply in writing, together with 596
an application fee of two hundred fifty dollars, to the attorney 597
general, at least thirty days prior to a change in or addition 598
of a location, day of the week, or time, and request an amended 599
license. 600

(b) As applicable, the application shall describe the 601
causes making it impractical for the organization to conduct 602
bingo in conformity with its license and shall indicate the 603
location, days of the week, and times on each of those days when 604
it desires to conduct bingo and, as applicable, shall indicate 605

the additional locations at which it desires to conduct instant bingo other than at a bingo session. 606
607

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (3) of 608
this section, the attorney general shall issue the amended 609
license in accordance with division (I) of this section, and the 610
organization shall surrender its original license to the 611
attorney general. 612

(2) (a) A charitable organization that has been issued a 613
license under this section to conduct electronic instant bingo 614
but that cannot conduct electronic instant bingo at the 615
location, or on the day of the week or at the time, specified on 616
the license due to circumstances that make it impractical to do 617
so, may apply in writing, together with an application fee of 618
two hundred fifty dollars, to the attorney general, at least 619
thirty days prior to a change in a location, day of the week, or 620
time, and request an amended license. A charitable organization 621
may not apply for an amended license to conduct electronic 622
instant bingo at any additional location. 623

(b) The application shall describe the causes making it 624
impractical for the organization to conduct electronic instant 625
bingo in conformity with its license and shall indicate the 626
location, days of the week, and times on each of those days when 627
it desires to conduct electronic instant bingo. 628

(c) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (3) of 629
this section, the attorney general shall issue the amended 630
license in accordance with division (I) of this section, and the 631
organization shall surrender its original license to the 632
attorney general. 633

(3) The attorney general may refuse to grant an amended 634

license under division (J) (1) or (2) of this section according 635
to the terms of division (F) of this section. 636

(K) The attorney general may enter into a written contract 637
with any other state agency to delegate to that state agency the 638
powers prescribed to the attorney general under Chapter 2915. of 639
the Revised Code. 640

(L) The attorney general, by rule adopted pursuant to 641
section 111.15 of the Revised Code, may adopt rules to determine 642
the requirements for a charitable organization that is exempt 643
from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a) and 644
described in subsection 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 645
to be in good standing in the state. 646

Sec. 2915.081. (A) No distributor shall sell, offer to 647
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to 648
another person, or modify, convert, add to, or remove parts from 649
bingo supplies to further their promotion or sale, for use in 650
this state without having obtained a license from the attorney 651
general under this section. 652

(B) (1) The attorney general may issue a distributor 653
license to any person that meets the requirements of this 654
section. The application for the license shall be on a form 655
prescribed by the attorney general and be accompanied by the 656
annual fee prescribed by this section. The license is valid for 657
a period of one year, and the annual fee for the license is five 658
thousand dollars. 659

(2) Upon applying for or renewing a license under this 660
section, an applicant shall file with and have approved by the 661
attorney general a bond in which the applicant shall be the 662
principal obligor, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with 663

one or more sureties authorized to do business in this state. 664
The applicant shall maintain the bond in effect as long as the 665
license is valid; however, the liability of the surety under the 666
bond shall not exceed an all-time aggregate liability of fifty 667
thousand dollars. The bond, which may be in the form of a rider 668
to a larger blanket liability bond, shall run to the state and 669
to any person who may have a cause of action against the 670
principal obligor of the bond for any liability arising out of a 671
violation by the obligor of any provision of this chapter or any 672
rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. 673

(C) (1) The attorney general may refuse to issue a 674
distributor license to any ~~person~~ applicant to which any of the 675
following applies, or to any person that has an officer, - 676
partner, or ~~other person who has an ownership interest~~ any owner 677
of ten per cent or more of the applicant and to whom any of the 678
following applies: 679

~~(1)~~ (a) The ~~person~~ applicant, officer, ~~or~~ partner, or 680
owner has been convicted of a disqualifying offense as 681
determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code. 682

~~(2)~~ (b) The ~~person~~ applicant, officer, ~~or~~ partner, or 683
owner has made an incorrect or false statement that is material 684
to the granting of a license in an application submitted to the 685
attorney general under this section or in a similar application 686
submitted to a gambling licensing authority in another 687
jurisdiction if the statement resulted in license revocation 688
through administrative action in the other jurisdiction. 689

~~(3)~~ (c) The ~~person~~ applicant, officer, ~~or~~ partner, or 690
owner has submitted any incorrect or false information relating 691
to the application to the attorney general under this section, 692
if the information is material to the granting of the license. 693

~~(4)-(d)~~ The person applicant, officer, or partner, or owner 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 under division (F) of section 2915.10 of the Revised Code.

~~(5)-(e)~~ The person applicant, officer, or partner, or owner has had a license related to gambling revoked or suspended under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

~~(6)-(f)~~ The attorney general has good cause to believe that a person the applicant, officer, or partner, or owner has committed a breach of fiduciary duty, theft, or other type of misconduct related to a charitable organization that has obtained a bingo license issued under this chapter.

(g) The applicant, officer, partner, or owner has filed, or had filed against it, a proceeding for bankruptcy, or has been involved in a formal process to adjust, defer, suspend, or otherwise work out the payment of any debt.

(h) The applicant, officer, partner, or owner has been served with a complaint or other notice filed with any public body regarding a payment of any tax required under federal, state, or local law that has been delinquent for one or more years.

(i) The applicant, officer, partner, or owner is or has been a defendant in litigation involving its business practices.

(j) The reputation, experience, and financial integrity of the applicant and any officer or partner or any owner of ten per cent or more of the applicant is of a nature or quality such that the issuance of a license is, in the attorney general's

opinion, against the public interest. 723

(k) The financial ability of the applicant is insufficient 724
to purchase and maintain adequate liability and casualty 725
insurance and to provide an adequate surety bond. 726

(l) Awarding a license would undermine the public's 727
confidence in charitable gaming in this state. 728

(2) The attorney general may adopt rules under Chapter 729
119. of the Revised Code specifying additional reasons for which 730
the attorney general may refuse to issue a distributor license 731
under this section. 732

(D) The attorney general shall not issue a distributor 733
license to any person that is involved in the conduct of bingo 734
on behalf of a charitable organization or that is a lessor of 735
premises used for the conduct of bingo. This division does not 736
prohibit a distributor from advising charitable organizations on 737
the use and benefit of specific bingo supplies or prohibit a 738
distributor from advising a customer on operational methods to 739
improve bingo profitability. 740

(E) (1) No distributor shall sell, offer to sell, or 741
otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any 742
person, or modify, convert, add to, or remove parts from bingo 743
supplies to further their promotion or sale, for use in this 744
state except to or for the use of a charitable organization that 745
has been issued a license under section 2915.08 of the Revised 746
Code or to another distributor that has been issued a license 747
under this section. No distributor shall accept payment for the 748
sale or other provision of bingo supplies other than by check or 749
electronic fund transfer. 750

(2) No distributor may donate, give, loan, lease, or 751

otherwise provide any bingo supplies or equipment, or modify, 752
convert, add to, or remove parts from bingo supplies to further 753
their promotion or sale, to or for the use of a charitable 754
organization for use in a bingo session conditioned on or in 755
consideration for an exclusive right to provide bingo supplies 756
to the charitable organization. A distributor may provide a 757
licensed charitable organization with free samples of the 758
distributor's products to be used as prizes or to be used for 759
the purpose of sampling. 760

(3) No distributor shall purchase bingo supplies for use 761
in this state from any person except from a manufacturer issued 762
a license under section 2915.082 of the Revised Code or from 763
another distributor issued a license under this section. Subject 764
to division (D) of section 2915.082 of the Revised Code, no 765
distributor shall pay for purchased bingo supplies other than by 766
check or electronic fund transfer. 767

(4) No distributor shall participate in the conduct of 768
bingo on behalf of a charitable organization or have any direct 769
or indirect ownership interest in a premises used for the 770
conduct of bingo. 771

(5) No distributor shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, or 772
receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly or 773
indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in return 774
for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state. 775

(F) (1) No distributor shall knowingly sell, offer to sell, 776
or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic instant 777
bingo system to any person for use in this state, or install, 778
maintain, update, or repair an electronic instant bingo system, 779
without first obtaining an electronic instant bingo distributor 780
endorsement to the person's distributor license issued under 781

this section. An applicant for a distributor license under this 782
section may apply simultaneously for an electronic instant bingo 783
distributor endorsement to that license. 784

(2) An applicant for an electronic instant bingo 785
distributor endorsement shall submit the application on a form 786
prescribed by the attorney general and shall submit one complete 787
set of fingerprints directly to the superintendent of the bureau 788
of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of 789
conducting a criminal records check. The applicant shall provide 790
the fingerprints using a method the superintendent prescribes 791
pursuant to division (C) (2) of section 109.572 of the Revised 792
Code and shall fill out the form the superintendent prescribes 793
pursuant to division (C) (1) of that section. Upon receiving an 794
application for an electronic instant bingo distributor 795
endorsement, the attorney general shall request the 796
superintendent, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a 797
criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprint 798
impressions in accordance with division (A) (18) of that section. 799
The applicant shall pay any fee required under division (C) (3) 800
of that section. 801

(3) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 802
instant bingo distributor endorsement to an applicant unless the 803
attorney general has received the results of the criminal 804
records check described in division (F) (2) of this section. The 805
attorney general shall not issue an electronic instant bingo 806
distributor endorsement to an applicant if the applicant, any 807
officer or partner of the applicant, or any person who has an 808
ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the applicant has 809
violated any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by 810
the attorney general under this chapter or has violated any 811
existing or former law or rule of this state, any other state, 812

or the United States that is substantially equivalent to any 813
provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by the attorney 814
general under this chapter. 815

(4) An electronic instant bingo distributor endorsement 816
issued under this section shall be valid for the period of the 817
underlying distributor license. 818

(G) The attorney general may suspend, place limits, 819
restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revoke a 820
distributor license or an electronic instant bingo distributor 821
endorsement, for a limited or indefinite period of time at the 822
attorney general's discretion, for any of the following reasons: 823

(1) Any reason for which the attorney general may refuse 824
to issue the license or endorsement; 825

(2) The distributor holding the license or endorsement 826
violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by 827
the attorney general under this chapter; 828

(3) The distributor or any officer, partner, or other 829
person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more in 830
the distributor is convicted of either of the following: 831

(a) A felony under the laws of this state, another state, 832
or the United States; 833

(b) Any gambling offense. 834

(H) The attorney general may adopt rules for the 835
application, acceptance, denial, suspension, revocation, 836
limitation, restriction, or condition of a distributor license 837
or endorsement, and to enforce any other provisions of this 838
section, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 839
The attorney general shall adopt rules in accordance with that 840

chapter prescribing procedures allowing the attorney general to 841
seek a summary suspension of a person's license or endorsement 842
issued under this section if the attorney general has good cause 843
to believe that the person or any of the person's employees, 844
officers, directors, agents, representatives, or partners has 845
violated this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter. 846

(I) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on a 847
distributor licensed or permitted under this chapter for failure 848
to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 849
conditions on its license, or for failure to comply with this 850
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 851
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 852
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 853

(J) Whoever violates division (A), (E), or (F) of this 854
section is guilty of illegally operating as a distributor. 855
Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally 856
operating as a distributor is a misdemeanor of the first degree. 857
If the offender previously has been convicted of a violation of 858
division (A), (E), or (F) of this section, illegally operating 859
as a distributor is a felony of the fifth degree. 860

Sec. 2915.082. (A) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to 861
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies 862
for use in this state without having obtained a license from the 863
attorney general under this section. 864

(B) (1) The attorney general may issue a manufacturer 865
license to any person that meets the requirements of this 866
section. The application for the license shall be on a form 867
prescribed by the attorney general and be accompanied by the 868
annual fee prescribed by this section. The license is valid for 869
a period of one year, and the annual fee for the license is five 870

thousand dollars. 871

(2) Upon applying for or renewing a license under this 872
section, an applicant shall file with and have approved by the 873
attorney general a bond in which the applicant shall be the 874
principal obligor, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with 875
one or more sureties authorized to do business in this state. 876
The applicant shall maintain the bond in effect as long as the 877
license is valid; however, the liability of the surety under the 878
bond shall not exceed an all-time aggregate liability of fifty 879
thousand dollars. The bond, which may be in the form of a rider 880
to a larger blanket liability bond, shall run to the state and 881
to any person who may have a cause of action against the 882
principal obligor of the bond for any liability arising out of a 883
violation by the obligor of any provision of this chapter or any 884
rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. 885

(C) The attorney general shall adopt rules under Chapter 886
119. of the Revised Code specifying the suitability factors for 887
issuing manufacturer licenses to applicants under this section 888
and the reasons for which the attorney general may refuse to 889
issue a manufacturer license to any person ~~to which any of the~~ 890
~~following applies, or to~~ including all of the following: 891

(1) Whether any of the following apply to the applicant or 892
to any person that has an officer, or partner, or other person 893
who has an ownership interest any owner of ten per cent or more- 894
and to whom any of the following applies of the applicant: 895

~~(1)~~ (a) The person applicant, officer, or partner, or 896
owner has been convicted of a disqualifying offense as 897
determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code. 898

~~(2)~~ (b) The person applicant, officer, or partner, or 899

owner has made an incorrect or false statement that is material 900
to the granting of a license in an application submitted to the 901
attorney general under this section or in a similar application 902
submitted to a gambling licensing authority in another 903
jurisdiction if the statement resulted in license revocation 904
through administrative action in the other jurisdiction. 905

~~(3)~~ (c) The ~~person~~ applicant, officer, ~~or~~ partner, or 906
owner has submitted any incorrect or false information relating 907
to the application to the attorney general under this section, 908
if the information is material to the granting of the license. 909

~~(4)~~ (d) The ~~person~~ applicant, officer, ~~or~~ partner, or 910
owner has failed to correct any incorrect or false information 911
that is material to the granting of the license in the records 912
required to be maintained under division (G) of section 2915.10 913
of the Revised Code. 914

~~(5)~~ (e) The ~~person~~ applicant, officer, ~~or~~ partner, or 915
owner has had a license related to gambling revoked or suspended 916
under the laws of this state, another state, or the United 917
States. 918

~~(6)~~ (f) The attorney general has good cause to believe 919
that the ~~person~~ applicant, officer, ~~or~~ partner, or owner has 920
committed a breach of fiduciary duty, theft, or other type of 921
misconduct, related to a charitable organization that has 922
obtained a bingo license under this chapter. 923

(g) The applicant, officer, partner, or owner has filed, 924
or had filed against it, a proceeding for bankruptcy, or has 925
been involved in a formal process to adjust, defer, suspend, or 926
otherwise work out the payment of any debt. 927

(h) The applicant, officer, partner, or owner has been 928

served with a complaint or other notice filed with any public 929
body regarding a payment of any tax required under federal, 930
state, or local law that has been delinquent for one or more 931
years. 932

(i) The applicant, officer, partner, or owner is or has 933
been a defendant in litigation involving its business practices. 934

(2) The reputation, experience, and financial integrity of 935
the applicant and any officer or partner or any owner of ten per 936
cent or more of the applicant; 937

(3) The financial ability of the applicant to purchase and 938
maintain adequate liability and casualty insurance and to 939
provide an adequate surety bond; 940

(4) Whether awarding a license would undermine the 941
public's confidence in charitable gaming in this state. 942

(D) (1) No manufacturer shall sell, offer to sell, or 943
otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies to any 944
person for use in this state except to a distributor that has 945
been issued a license under section 2915.081 of the Revised 946
Code. No manufacturer shall accept payment for the sale of bingo 947
supplies other than by check or electronic fund transfer. 948

(2) No manufacturer shall knowingly solicit, offer, pay, 949
or receive any kickback, bribe, or undocumented rebate, directly 950
or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in 951
return for providing bingo supplies to any person in this state. 952

(E) (1) No manufacturer shall knowingly sell, offer to 953
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide an electronic 954
instant bingo system to any person for use in this state, or 955
submit an electronic instant bingo system for testing and 956
approval under section 2915.15 of the Revised Code, without 957

first obtaining an electronic instant bingo manufacturer 958
endorsement to the person's manufacturer license issued under 959
this section. An applicant for a manufacturer license under this 960
section may apply simultaneously for an electronic instant bingo 961
manufacturer endorsement to that license. 962

(2) A manufacturer licensed under this section may only 963
sell, offer to sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide 964
electronic instant bingo systems that contain proprietary 965
software owned by or licensed to the manufacturer. If the 966
proprietary software is licensed to the manufacturer, the 967
manufacturer shall provide a copy of the license along with the 968
application for an endorsement under this section. 969

(3) An applicant for an electronic instant bingo 970
manufacturer endorsement shall submit the application on a form 971
prescribed by the attorney general and shall submit one complete 972
set of fingerprints directly to the superintendent of the bureau 973
of criminal identification and investigation for the purpose of 974
conducting a criminal records check. The applicant shall provide 975
the fingerprints using a method the superintendent prescribes 976
pursuant to division (C) (2) of section 109.572 of the Revised 977
Code and shall fill out the form the superintendent prescribes 978
pursuant to division (C) (1) of that section. Upon receiving an 979
application for an electronic instant bingo manufacturer 980
endorsement, the attorney general shall request the 981
superintendent, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a 982
criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprint 983
impressions in accordance with division (A) (18) of that section. 984
The applicant shall pay any fee required under division (C) (3) 985
of that section. 986

(4) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 987

instant bingo manufacturer endorsement to an applicant unless 988
the attorney general has received the results of the criminal 989
records check described in division (E) (3) of this section. The 990
attorney general shall not issue an electronic instant bingo 991
manufacturer endorsement to an applicant if the applicant, any 992
officer or partner of the applicant, or any person who has an 993
ownership interest of ten per cent or more in the applicant has 994
violated any existing or former law or rule of this state, any 995
other state, or the United States that is substantially 996
equivalent to any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted 997
by the attorney general under this chapter. 998

(F) (1) The attorney general may suspend, place limits, 999
restrictions, or probationary conditions on, or revoke a 1000
manufacturer license or an electronic instant bingo manufacturer 1001
endorsement for a limited or indefinite period of time for any 1002
of the following reasons: 1003

(a) Any reason for which the attorney general may refuse 1004
to issue the license or endorsement; 1005

(b) The manufacturer holding the license or endorsement 1006
violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted by 1007
the attorney general under this chapter; 1008

(c) The manufacturer or any officer, partner, or other 1009
person who has an ownership interest of ten per cent or more in 1010
the manufacturer is convicted of either of the following: 1011

(i) A felony under the laws of this state, another state, 1012
or the United States; 1013

(ii) Any gambling offense. 1014

(2) The attorney general may perform an onsite inspection 1015
of a manufacturer of bingo supplies that is selling, offering to 1016

sell, or otherwise providing or offering to provide bingo 1017
supplies or that is applying for a license to sell, offer to 1018
sell, or otherwise provide or offer to provide bingo supplies in 1019
this state. 1020

(3) (a) The attorney general shall establish by rule an 1021
application and renewal fee for an electronic instant bingo 1022
manufacturer endorsement in an amount sufficient to cover the 1023
costs the attorney general incurs in processing applications for 1024
electronic instant bingo manufacturer endorsements and 1025
investigating an applicant's suitability. 1026

(b) If the cost of processing a particular application and 1027
investigating the applicant's suitability exceeds the amount of 1028
the application and renewal fee, the attorney general may charge 1029
the applicant an additional fee as necessary to cover that cost. 1030

(c) The attorney general shall not issue an electronic 1031
instant bingo manufacturer endorsement unless the attorney 1032
general has received payment in full from the applicant for all 1033
fees to be charged under this section. 1034

(G) The attorney general may adopt rules for the 1035
application, acceptance, denial, suspension, revocation, 1036
limitation, restriction, or condition of a manufacturer license 1037
or endorsement described in this section, and to enforce any 1038
other provisions of this section, in accordance with Chapter 1039
119. of the Revised Code. The attorney general shall adopt rules 1040
in accordance with that chapter prescribing procedures allowing 1041
the attorney general to seek a summary suspension of a person's 1042
license or endorsement issued under this section if the attorney 1043
general has good cause to believe that the person or any of the 1044
person's employees, officers, directors, agents, 1045
representatives, or partners, has violated this chapter or a 1046

rule adopted under this chapter. 1047

(H) The attorney general may impose a civil fine on a 1048
manufacturer licensed or permitted under this chapter for 1049
failure to comply with any restrictions, limits, or probationary 1050
conditions on its license, and for failure to comply with this 1051
chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter, according to a 1052
schedule of fines that the attorney general shall adopt in 1053
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 1054

(I) Whoever violates division (A), (D), or (E) of this 1055
section is guilty of illegally operating as a manufacturer. 1056
Except as otherwise provided in this division, illegally 1057
operating as a manufacturer is a misdemeanor of the first 1058
degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of a 1059
violation of division (A), (D), or (E) of this section, 1060
illegally operating as a manufacturer is a felony of the fifth 1061
degree. 1062

Sec. 2915.083. (A) Notwithstanding any contrary provision 1063
of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, the attorney general 1064
shall not disclose to the public any of the following 1065
information or documents concerning a person who has applied for 1066
or been issued a license under this chapter or the person's 1067
spouse, dependent, or employee, unless the person authorizes the 1068
attorney general to disclose the information: 1069

(1) A social security number, passport number, or federal 1070
tax identification number; 1071

(2) A home address, telephone number, or electronic mail 1072
address; 1073

(3) A birth certificate; 1074

(4) A driver's license or state identification card 1075

<u>number;</u>	1076
<u>(5) The name or address of a previous spouse;</u>	1077
<u>(6) A date or place of birth;</u>	1078
<u>(7) Any personal financial information or records,</u>	1079
<u>including personal tax returns and information and records of</u>	1080
<u>criminal proceedings;</u>	1081
<u>(8) Any information concerning a minor child;</u>	1082
<u>(9) Any information concerning a person the attorney</u>	1083
<u>general has reason to know is a victim of domestic violence,</u>	1084
<u>sexual assault, or stalking;</u>	1085
<u>(10) Any trade secret, medical records, or patents or</u>	1086
<u>exclusive licenses;</u>	1087
<u>(11) Security information, including risk prevention</u>	1088
<u>plans, detection and countermeasures, location of count rooms or</u>	1089
<u>other money storage areas, emergency management plans, security</u>	1090
<u>and surveillance plans, equipment and usage protocols, and theft</u>	1091
<u>and fraud prevention plans and countermeasures;</u>	1092
<u>(12) Any other information the attorney general receives</u>	1093
<u>from another jurisdiction relating to a person who holds, held,</u>	1094
<u>or has applied for a license under this chapter.</u>	1095
<u>(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) of this</u>	1096
<u>section, both of the following are subject to disclosure as a</u>	1097
<u>public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code:</u>	1098
<u>(1) The information a licensee under this chapter or an</u>	1099
<u>applicant for a license under this chapter has submitted to the</u>	1100
<u>attorney general as part of applying for or renewing the</u>	1101
<u>license;</u>	1102

(2) The attorney general's reasons for denying or revoking 1103
a license under this chapter or for taking other disciplinary 1104
action under this chapter. 1105

(C) Division (A) of this section does not prohibit the 1106
attorney general from disclosing information and documents 1107
described in that division to the Ohio casino control 1108
commission, the state lottery commission, the inspector general, 1109
a prosecuting authority, a law enforcement agency, or any other 1110
appropriate governmental entity or licensing agency, provided 1111
that the recipient shall not disclose the information and 1112
documents to the public. 1113

Sec. 2915.10. (A) No charitable organization that conducts 1114
bingo or a game of chance pursuant to division (D) of section 1115
2915.02 of the Revised Code shall fail to maintain the following 1116
records for at least three years from the date on which the 1117
bingo or game of chance is conducted: 1118

(1) An itemized list of the gross receipts of each bingo 1119
session, each game of instant bingo by serial number, each 1120
electronic instant bingo game by serial number, each raffle, 1121
each punch board game, and each game of chance, and an itemized 1122
list of the gross profits of each game of instant bingo by 1123
serial number and each electronic instant bingo game by serial 1124
number; 1125

(2) An itemized list of all expenses, other than prizes, 1126
that are incurred in conducting bingo, the name of each person 1127
to whom the expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the 1128
expenses; 1129

(3) A list of all prizes awarded during each bingo 1130
session, each raffle, each punch board game, and each game of 1131

chance conducted by the charitable organization, the total 1132
prizes awarded from each game of instant bingo by serial number 1133
and each electronic instant bingo game by serial number, and the 1134
name, address, and social security number of all persons who are 1135
winners of prizes of six hundred dollars or more in value; 1136

(4) An itemized list of the recipients of the net profit 1137
of the bingo or game of chance, including the name and address 1138
of each recipient to whom the money is distributed, and if the 1139
organization uses the net profit of bingo, or the money or 1140
assets received from a game of chance, for any charitable or 1141
other purpose set forth in division (V) of section 2915.01, 1142
division (D) of section 2915.02, or section 2915.101 of the 1143
Revised Code, a list of each purpose and an itemized list of 1144
each expenditure for each purpose; 1145

(5) The number of persons who participate in any bingo 1146
session or game of chance that is conducted by the charitable 1147
organization; 1148

(6) A list of receipts from the sale of food and beverages 1149
by the charitable organization or one of its auxiliary units or 1150
societies, if the receipts were excluded from gross receipts 1151
under division (T) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code; 1152

(7) An itemized list of all expenses incurred at each 1153
bingo session, each raffle, each punch board game, or each game 1154
of instant bingo or electronic instant bingo conducted by the 1155
charitable organization in the sale of food and beverages by the 1156
charitable organization or by an auxiliary unit or society of 1157
the charitable organization, the name of each person to whom the 1158
expenses are paid, and a receipt for all of the expenses. 1159

(B) A charitable organization shall keep the records that 1160

it is required to maintain pursuant to division (A) of this 1161
section at its principal place of business in this state or at 1162
its headquarters in this state and shall notify the attorney 1163
general of the location at which those records are kept. 1164

(C) The gross profit from each bingo session or game 1165
described in division (O) (1) or (2) of section 2915.01 of the 1166
Revised Code shall be deposited into a checking account devoted 1167
exclusively to the bingo session or game. Payments for allowable 1168
expenses incurred in conducting the bingo session or game and 1169
payments to recipients of some or all of the net profit of the 1170
bingo session or game shall be made only by checks or electronic 1171
fund transfers drawn on the bingo session or game account. 1172

(D) Each charitable organization shall conduct and record 1173
an inventory of all of its bingo supplies as of the first day of 1174
November of each year. 1175

(E) The attorney general may adopt rules in accordance 1176
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish standards 1177
of accounting, record keeping, and reporting to ensure that 1178
gross receipts from bingo or games of chance are properly 1179
accounted for. 1180

(F) A distributor shall maintain, for a period of three 1181
years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of 1182
each instance of its selling or otherwise providing to another 1183
person bingo supplies for use in this state. The record shall 1184
include all of the following for each instance: 1185

(1) The name of the manufacturer from which the 1186
distributor purchased the bingo supplies and the date of the 1187
purchase; 1188

(2) The name and address of the charitable organization or 1189

other distributor to which the bingo supplies were sold or	1190
otherwise provided;	1191
(3) A description that clearly identifies the bingo	1192
supplies;	1193
(4) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers	1194
of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals	1195
sold or otherwise provided to each charitable organization.	1196
(G) A manufacturer shall maintain, for a period of three	1197
years after the date of its sale or other provision, a record of	1198
each instance of its selling or otherwise providing bingo	1199
supplies for use in this state. The record shall include all of	1200
the following for each instance:	1201
(1) The name and address of the distributor to whom the	1202
bingo supplies were sold or otherwise provided;	1203
(2) A description that clearly identifies the bingo	1204
supplies, including serial numbers;	1205
(3) Invoices that include the nonrepeating serial numbers	1206
of all paper bingo cards and sheets and all instant bingo deals	1207
sold or otherwise provided to each distributor.	1208
(H) The attorney general or any law enforcement agency may	1209
do all of the following:—	1210
(1) Investigate any charitable organization, distributor,	1211
or manufacturer or any officer, agent, trustee, member, or	1212
employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer;—	1213
(2) Examine the accounts and records of the charitable	1214
organization, distributor, or manufacturer or of any officer,	1215
agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization,	1216
distributor, or manufacturer;—	1217

~~(3) Conduct inspections, audits, and observations of bingo or games of chance;—~~ 1218
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~~(4) Conduct inspections of the premises where bingo or games of chance are conducted or where bingo supplies are manufactured or distributed;—~~ 1220
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~~(5) Take any other necessary and reasonable action to determine if a violation of any provision of this chapter has occurred and to determine whether section 2915.11 of the Revised Code has been complied with.—~~ 1223
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~~If any law enforcement agency has reasonable grounds to believe that a charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer or an officer, agent, trustee, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer has violated any provision of this chapter, the law enforcement agency may proceed by action in the proper court to enforce this chapter, provided that the law enforcement agency shall give written notice to the attorney general when commencing an action as described in this division.—~~ 1227
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~~(I) No person shall destroy, alter, conceal, withhold, or deny access to any accounts or records of a charitable organization, distributor, or manufacturer that have been requested for examination, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any inspection, audit, or observation of bingo or a game of chance, of premises where bingo or a game of chance is conducted, or of premises where bingo supplies are manufactured or distributed, or refuse to comply with any reasonable request of, or obstruct, impede, or interfere with any other reasonable action undertaken by, the attorney general or a law enforcement agency pursuant to division (H) of this section.—~~ 1236
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~~(J)~~Whoever violates division (A) ~~or (I)~~ of this section 1247
is guilty of failure to maintain charitable gaming records, a 1248
misdemeanor of the first degree. 1249

Sec. 2915.14. (A) No charitable organization shall conduct 1250
electronic instant bingo unless all of the following are true: 1251

(1) The organization is a veteran's organization described 1252
in division (J) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, or is a 1253
fraternal organization described in division (L) of section 1254
2915.01 of the Revised Code, and the organization qualified as a 1255
veteran's organization or fraternal organization, as applicable, 1256
on or before June 30, 2021. 1257

(2) The organization is a veteran's organization described 1258
in subsection 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code or is, and 1259
has received from the internal revenue service a determination 1260
letter that is currently in effect stating that the organization 1261
is, exempt from federal income taxation under subsection 501(a), 1262
and is described in subsection 501(c) (7), 501(c) (8), 501(c) (10), 1263
or 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code. 1264

(3) The organization has not conducted a raffle in 1265
violation of division (B) of section 2915.092 of the Revised 1266
Code using an electronic raffle machine, as described in Ohio 1267
Veterans and Fraternal Charitable Coalition v. DeWine, Case No. 1268
13-CV-13610 (C.P. Franklin Co. February 23, 2018), at any time 1269
on or after January 1, 2022. 1270

(B) No charitable organization that conducts electronic 1271
instant bingo shall do any of the following: 1272

(1) Possess an electronic instant bingo system that was 1273
not obtained in accordance with this chapter or with any rule 1274
adopted under this chapter; 1275

(2) Conduct electronic instant bingo on any day, at any	1276
time, or on any premises not specified on the organization's	1277
type II or type III license issued under section 2915.08 of the	1278
Revised Code;	1279
(3) Hold more than one valid license to conduct electronic	1280
instant bingo at any one time;	1281
(4) Conduct electronic instant bingo on more than one	1282
premises or on any premises other than the charitable	1283
organization's principal place of business;	1284
(5) Operate more than ten electronic bingo systems at the	1285
premises on which the charitable organization conducts	1286
electronic instant bingo under its license;	1287
(6) Fail to display both of the following conspicuously at	1288
the premises on which the charitable organization conducts	1289
electronic instant bingo:	1290
(a) The charitable organization's bingo license;	1291
(b) The serial number of each deal of electronic instant	1292
bingo tickets being sold.	1293
(7) Permit any person the charitable organization knows,	1294
or should have known, to be under eighteen years of age to play	1295
electronic instant bingo;	1296
(8) Sell or provide to any person an electronic instant	1297
bingo ticket for a price different from the price displayed on	1298
the game flare for that deal, except that the charitable	1299
organization may give a participant who wins an electronic	1300
instant bingo game an electronic instant bingo ticket as a prize	1301
in place of a cash prize;	1302
(9) Fail, once an electronic instant bingo deal is begun,	1303

to continue to sell tickets in that deal until all prizes have
been awarded;

(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;

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

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

(b) Division (B) (12) (a) of this section does not prohibit
an employee of a veteran's organization or fraternal
organization from redeeming electronic instant bingo tickets or
vouchers for the organization's members or invited guests, so
long as no portion of the employee's compensation is paid from
any bingo receipts.

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

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

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

(1) The requirements to receive a license or endorsement to conduct electronic instant bingo;	1332 1333
(2) The location and number of electronic instant bingo systems in use, which shall not exceed ten at the single licensed location per organization;	1334 1335 1336
(3) The times when electronic instant bingo may be offered;	1337 1338
(4) Signage requirements in facilities where electronic instant bingo is offered;	1339 1340
(5) Electronic instant bingo device and system specifications, including reveal features and game themes;	1341 1342
(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;	1343 1344 1345
(7) Procedures and standards for the review and approval of any changes to technology, systems, or games licensed or permitted under this chapter;	1346 1347 1348
(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;	1349 1350 1351
(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,	1352 1353 1354 1355 1356 1357 1358 1359

~~agents, representatives, or partners, has violated this chapter~~ 1360
~~or a rule adopted under this chapter.~~ 1361

(E) Whoever knowingly violates division (A), (B), or (C) 1362
of this section or a rule adopted under division (D) of this 1363
section is guilty of illegal electronic instant bingo conduct. 1364
Illegal electronic instant bingo conduct is a misdemeanor of the 1365
first degree, except that if the offender previously has been 1366
convicted of a violation of division (A) or (B) of this section 1367
or of a rule adopted under division (D) of this section, illegal 1368
instant bingo conduct is a felony of the fifth degree. 1369

Section 2. That existing sections 109.32, 2915.02, 1370
2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.10, and 2915.14 of the Revised 1371
Code are hereby repealed. 1372

Section 3. Except as otherwise provided in division (F) of 1373
section 2915.08 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, a 1374
bingo license issued under that section that is valid on the 1375
effective date of this section remains valid until the next date 1376
by which the licensee must apply to renew the license under the 1377
rules of the Attorney General, as described in division (A) (3) 1378
of that section. 1379