Calling All Legion Members

We Need Your Help

The Ohio Attorney General is proposing to make illegal the games currently used by charitable organizations to raise money for their communities. It will require Ohio nonprofit organizations to remove the machines. The rule would gut the programs and services that charitable organizations provide to their communities.

WHAT IS HAPPENING:

The Attorney Generals office is rewriting Ohio's bingo rules and wants them filed before Thanksgiving.

- One proposed rule, 109:1-7-05 would let the AG label a game too much like a slot machine based on how it looks and sounds.
- The games used today by charities across Ohio have already been reviewed and approved by the state. THESE GAMES WOULD NOW BE DEEMED ILLEGAL.

WHY IT MATTERS TO OUR POST

- E-bingo is a major source of the dollars that fund our programs and the local charities we support.
- Changing the rules on games already approved puts every post's planning and budget at risk.
- The people who pay the price are veterans' and fraternal groups and the causes we fund.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING

1. Remove Rule 109:1-7-05 in its entirety.
2. Keep the approval process the AG already runs.
3. Meet with veterans' and fraternal groups before any rules are filed.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Call or email the AG's office: 800-282-0515; charitablelaw@ohioago.gov

Contact your state representative and senator.

Suggested Call Scripts:

> "My name is (NAME) and I am a member of American Legion Post 165 in Miamisburg. Electronic bingo helps us fund Veteran Programs such as Wounded Warrior, The Battle Buddy Foundation as well as veteran assistance and also our local community needs; such as food pantries and outreach programs. I am calling about proposed Rule 109: 1-7-05. It would put games already approved by the AG at risk and cut what we raise for
> veterans and our community. I am asking that it be removed completely, and that our groups be consulted before any rules are filed. Thank you."

Suggested Email:

Subject: Remove proposed bingo Rule 109: 1-7-05

"I am writing on behalf of American Legion Post 165 in Miamisburg. Electronic bingo funds Veteran programs such as Wounded Warrior, The Battle Buddy Foundation as well as veteran assistance. It also supports our local community needs, such as food pantries and outreach programs. Last year we raised over $150,000 to help support such programs and our community. Proposed RULE 109: 1-7-05 would put games the AG has already approved at risk and reduce the money we raise for veterans and local charities. I respectfully ask that it be removed in its entirety and that veterans' and fraternal organizations be consulted before the rules are filed.

Thank you,

(Name, post, phone#)

WHO YOU CAN CONTACT:

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