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Re: Electronic Instant Bingo Begins April 1, 2022

Dear Bingo Operators,

This letter is meant to share some important dates for electronic instant bingo.

Eligible Veterans' and Fraternal groups can apply for electronic instant bingo licenses on **January 1, 2022**. You will submit your application the same way that you currently apply for a bingo license, at <https://charitable.ohioago.gov/>

You cannot legally run electronic instant bingo machines without an electronic instant bingo license. It is also illegal for a distributor or manufacturer to offer to sell you electronic instant bingo machines without having first obtained an electronic instant bingo license.

Additionally, the law prohibits our office from issuing an electronic instant bingo license to anyone who operates an electronic raffle machine after January 1, 2022. If you are operating electronic raffle machines after January 1, 2022, you will not be eligible for an electronic instant bingo license. We strongly recommend that you consider completely removing these machines from your posts and halls before January 1, 2022.

Once you have received a license from the Attorney General's Office for electronic instant bingo, you can begin to operate as early as **April 1, 2022**. This means that between January 1, 2022 and April 1, 2022, you cannot run any electronic raffle machines or electronic instant bingo machines in your posts and halls.

Questions? Call 1-800-282-0515 or email [CharitableBingo@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:CharitableBingo@OhioAGO.gov)

Very respectfully yours,

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