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From: VFW State Commander, Department of Ohio

To: All Posts and District Commanders

Subject: Electronic Charitable Gaming Update

Comrades,

Charitable Electronic Gaming language, i.e., E-Bingo, was included in the new 2-year Ohio Budget and became law upon signature of the Governor!

In the near term What does this mean to our Posts?

- **DO NOT SIGN ANY CONTRACTS!!** The Law is not quite ready for implementation. The Attorney General now has to write rules which could take approximately 4 months. Additionally, some language needs interpretation as to when/how transition will begin from electronic raffle (what you are playing now) to E-Bingo. *Be on guard* - In the Past Vendors have pressured Posts into signing contracts without the Posts knowing all their options. Now that the law is passed current Vendors with fielded machines are initiating the same approach. The new law provides many more options/opportunities to Posts. Be patient, the Department will provide follow-on guidance regarding transition from raffle to E-Bingo which will include Contract options.
- **ILLEGAL MACHINES:** No more "gray area" regarding illegal machines. If you allow illegal machines in your Post, i.e., not licensed/approved by the Attorney General, you are in violation of Ohio law and subject to penalties accordingly!!
- **KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN:** The Department appreciates you raising questions and concerns! Keep us informed and we will do the same.

This has been a long fight with support from countless Comrades. We can take pride in what we have accomplished. Now let's use this new opportunity to the betterment of our organization.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'James Hordinski'.

James Hordinski

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