

Minnesota Gambling Control Board

Summary of 2016 Lawful Gambling Legislation

- Electronic raffle selection systems are allowed, utilizing a random number generator to select winning raffle numbers. The allowance includes raffle sales devices. (349.12, subd. 12e, 18, 33b; 349.13; 349.173) **Effective 7/1/16.**
 - > Electronic raffle systems may only be used for lawful gambling under Chapter 349.
 - > Electronic raffle systems use a random number generator which must be approved by the board.
 - > Raffle sales devices are attendant-operated cashier stations used in electronic raffles as the point of sale for raffle ticket purchases.
- The active membership requirement for gambling managers is changed from six months to 90 days. (349.12, subd. 19) **Effective 7/1/16.**
- Hot-ball bingo prizes may be funded by an organization or by players. (349.12, subd. 21a; 349.17, subd. 10) **Effective 7/1/16.**
 - > Organizations may now require players to pay in order to be eligible for a hot-ball bingo prize.
- Share-the-pot raffles are defined as raffles where the prize must be a percentage of the gross receipts. (349.12, subd. 33c) **Effective 7/1/16.**
 - > Clarifies that a raffle prize based on sales must be a percentage of gross receipts.
- Licensed organizations' employees must register with the employing organization using a U.S. government-required form. (349.168, subd. 1) **Effective 7/1/16.**
 - > The U.S. government-required form is Form I-9.
 - > After July 1, 2016, organizations no longer need to send registration of employees to the Board, but must retain the form for records/review.
- Bingo occasion prize limits changed. (349.211, subd. 1) **Effective 7/1/16.**
 - > The prize limit for a single bingo game changed from \$200 to \$500.
 - > The prize limit for a cover-all or cover-none game changed from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
 - > The total prize limit for a bingo occasion is removed.
- Local units of government must acknowledge organizations contributing to a 10% contribution fund. (349.213, subd. 1) **Effective 7/1/16.**
- Raffle boards are added to provisions for unaccounted-for games, contraband, illegal possession, false information, and transporting unstamped raffle boards (these provisions were missed last session when raffle boards were allowed). (297E.02, subd. 6a, 7; 349.2125, subd. 1; 349.2127, subd. 2-4) **Effective 8/1/16.**