A public hearing will be held by the Office of Attorney General Mike DeWine on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Noon in the Basement Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower, located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comment on new rule 109:1-4-15.

109:1-4-15 Instant Bingo Non-Cash Prizes.

(A) For purposes of division (EE) of section 2915.01 of the Revised Code, the terms "prize" or "prize awards" may include prizes other than cash prizes, i.e. non-cash prizes.

(B) If a non-cash prize is awarded as a prize in an instant bingo game, when calculating gross profit the organization shall record the value of the prize as the amount actually expended by the organization for the purchase of the non-cash prize, including the actual cost of the non-cash prize and any sales tax actually expended by the organization for the purchase of the non-cash prize. The organization shall attach a copy of the itemized receipt for the purchase of the non-cash prize to the corresponding invoice for the purchase of the deal of instant bingo tickets for which the non-cash prize is awarded.

(C) The organization shall pay for the purchase of non-cash prizes by check or electronic fund transfers drawn from the checking account devoted exclusively to the bingo session or game.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing to the attention of Amber Aimar, Policy and Public Affairs Section, Office of the Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or <u>Amber.Aimar@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov</u> no later than by close of business the day before the hearing.