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The Missouri Gaming Commission has recently become aware of some solicitations that have been sent out from different vendors marketing video sweepstakes games.

Those solicitations include statements implying that the Missouri Gaming Commission has reviewed their games and determined that their devices are not illegal gambling devices. Those representations are not true and are misleading. The Attorney General's Office did issue a letter but it was merely responding to questions concerning certain proposed facts. It assumes those facts were true; but without examining a machine, we are not able to state whether or not that particular machine is or is not an illegal gambling device.

The Missouri Gaming Commission maintains a zero tolerance for illegal gambling and takes immediate action to revoke the bingo license of any organization that engages in any form of criminal activity. Maintaining the public's trust in the integrity of bingo and pull-tab games benefits all bingo organizations, and it is the responsibility of every bingo organization to protect that trust.

The Missouri Gaming Commission has not conducted a thorough physical examination of the devices in question and has not made a finding regarding their legality. Your organization is accountable for any device on the bingo premises and must ensure the device does not violate state law. If any device found on your organization's premises does violate state law, the device will be deemed illegal and the Missouri Gaming Commission will take action to revoke your organization's bingo license.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the Missouri Gaming Commission, Charitable Games Division, P.O. Box 1847, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or telephone toll free at 1-866-801-8643.

Sincerely,

Ed Grewach
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