



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2915.15 Approval, inspection, removal from service of electronic instant bingo system.

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(A)(1) Before selling, offering to sell, or otherwise providing or offering to provide an electronic instant bingo system to any person for use in this state, a manufacturer shall submit the electronic instant bingo system to an independent testing laboratory that is licensed by the state lottery commission under section 3770.02 of the Revised Code, or that is certified under section 3772.31 of the Revised Code, for testing and evaluation to determine whether the electronic instant bingo system meets the requirements of this chapter and of rules adopted under this chapter. The manufacturer shall pay all costs of that testing and evaluation.

(2) If the independent testing laboratory certifies that the electronic instant bingo system meets the requirements of this chapter and of rules adopted under this chapter, the manufacturer may submit the electronic instant bingo system, along with a copy of the laboratory's certification and a fee established by the attorney general by rule under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, to the attorney general for review and approval. The manufacturer also shall submit a fee established by the attorney general by rule under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, which the attorney general shall use to pay the cost of reviewing and approving electronic instant bingo systems under division (A) of this section.

(3) The attorney general shall approve the system for use in this state if the attorney general determines that the electronic instant bingo system meets the requirements of this chapter and of the rules adopted under this chapter. The attorney general shall consult the Ohio casino control commission for assistance in determining whether an electronic instant bingo system is prohibited for use under this chapter on the ground that it is a slot machine.

(4) An electronic instant bingo system shall be verified and sealed by the attorney general before the electronic instant bingo system is placed into service.

(5) Before an electronic instant bingo system is removed from service, the attorney general's seal



shall be removed by the attorney general's designee. If the seal is removed after an electronic instant bingo system is sealed by the attorney general but before the electronic instant bingo system is placed into service, or if the seal is removed before an electronic instant bingo system is removed from service, or if the seal is removed by someone other than the attorney general's designee, the electronic instant bingo system shall be returned to an independent testing laboratory described in division (A)(1) of this section.

(B) Any electronic instant bingo system approved for use in this state shall have a central server located in Ohio which is accessible to the attorney general and shall include an internal report management system that records information concerning the operation of the system and that meets the requirements adopted by the attorney general by rule under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The internal report management system shall permit the attorney general or another person designated by the attorney general to access the internal report management system, monitor the electronic instant bingo system, and remotely deactivate the electronic instant bingo system or any aspect of the system.

(C) The attorney general may inspect any electronic instant bingo system in use in this state at any time to ensure that the system is in compliance with this chapter and with the rules adopted under this chapter. If the attorney general determines that any person or any electronic instant bingo system is in violation of any provision of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, the attorney general may order that the violation immediately cease and may deactivate the electronic instant bingo system or any aspect of it.

(D) The attorney general may establish by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code an annual fee to be paid by distributors licensed under section 2915.081 of the Revised Code who have electronic instant bingo distributor endorsements to their licenses in order to pay the cost of monitoring the systems under division (B) of this section and the cost of inspecting systems under division (C) of this section.