



Minnesota Gambling Control Board

# GAMING NEWS

October/November/December 2016

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Monthly Board meetings are open to the public and are held at:

**Gambling Control Board  
Suite 300 South  
1711 W. County Road B  
Roseville, MN**

Meetings start at 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming meetings:  
Monday, December 19, 2016

*Tentative:*  
*Tuesday, January 17, 2017*  
*Tuesday, February 21, 2017*  
*Monday, March 20, 2017*

Meetings are subject to change.  
For the latest schedule and agenda go to [www.mn.gov/gcb](http://www.mn.gov/gcb).

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## Director's Column Tom Barrett, Executive Director

### Best Year Yet for Lawful Gambling

As you know, fiscal year 2016 (July 2015—June 2016) was a record year for the charitable gambling industry, with over \$1.5 billion dollars in gross sales. All forms of charitable gambling show increased activity—see page 5 for a breakdown. Congratulations on this record year!

- The biggest increase in FY16 was in electronic pull-tabs. There are currently 553 sites (20% of sites) with electronic pull-tabs.
  - ✓ Gross sales from electronic pull-tabs were over \$90 million.
  - ✓ At sites with electronic gaming, paper sales also increased.
  - ✓ Electronic pull-tab sales increased 174% since FY15.
- A record \$1.3 billion in prizes were paid to players, and net receipts available to charities were \$252,301,000 for FY 2016.
- Allowable expenses as a percentage of net receipts were at the lowest level since 2005.
- After prizes, taxes, and expenses were paid, approximately \$70 million in funds were available for charitable contributions in Minnesota.

### Quick Hits:

**Annual Reports Available**—Organizations' FY16 annual reports/star ratings are out, as well as the Board's FY16 Annual Report. View all reports at [www.mn.gov/gcb](http://www.mn.gov/gcb) under the Reports & Legislation tab. The organization annual reports are sorted by organization name, city, gross receipts, and star rating.

**Budget Year at the Capitol**—The 2017 legislative session is budget time at the Capitol.

- No legislative changes proposed by the Board.
- No fee change planned.

**Taxes Tidbit**—Did you know that 7% of licensed organizations (80 licensed organizations) pay half of all total lawful gambling taxes?

**Gambling Manager Training**—The gambling manager's examination has been discontinued for those who do not fulfill the education requirements in a calendar year. See page 2 for the remaining classes available for 2016 and consequences of non-attendance.

**Sweeps Continue**—The Gambling Control Board and Public Safety's Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division continue sweeps throughout the state in an effort to stop illegal gambling.

**Happy Holidays**—Best wishes for continued success in 2017!

## Continuing Education Classes

### December 2016 Topic: Common Problems Found During Compliance Reviews

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| 12/5/16  | Best Western Kelly Inn                                                       |
| 2:00 pm  | University A Room<br>100 4th Ave. South, <b>St. Cloud</b>                    |
| 12/7/16  | Gambling Control Board                                                       |
| 10:00 am | Suite 300 South (use south doors)<br>1711 W. County Road B, <b>Roseville</b> |
| 12/7/16  | AmericInn Lodge & Suites                                                     |
| 2:00 pm  | Fergus & Falls Room<br>526 Western Avenue, <b>Fergus Falls</b>               |
| 12/7/16  | Hampton Inn                                                                  |
| 2:00 pm  | Meeting Room<br>4225 9th Avenue West, <b>Hibbing</b>                         |
| 12/7/16  | Gambling Control Board                                                       |
| 2:00 pm  | Suite 300 South (use south doors)<br>1711 W. County Road B, <b>Roseville</b> |
| 12/8/16  | South Central College                                                        |
| 2:00 pm  | Conference Center A<br>1920 Lee Boulevard, <b>N. Mankato</b>                 |
| 12/29/16 | (Three classes on this date)                                                 |
| 10:00 am | Gambling Control Board                                                       |
| 2:00 pm  | Suite 300 South (use south doors)                                            |
| 7:00 pm  | 1711 W. County Road B, <b>Roseville</b>                                      |

### Miscellaneous GCBREPORTS Filing Facts

For the 12-month period ending September 2016, on average:

- √ 87% of organizations filed their GCBREPORTS on time.
- √ 94% filed with correct labeling (license number).
- √ Approximately 17% of filings were duplicate, amended, or miscellaneous submissions.

Thank you to those organizations filing on time.

The most common GCBREPORTS mistake organizations make has to do with the site permit number when reporting site activity on an LG100A.

The top three errors with regard to site permit numbers include (1) entering the incorrect site number or no site number is entered on the LG100A; (2) reporting for a discontinued site; and (3) reporting off-site premises activity on a permitted site number or the site number is simply made up.

Please take time to verify your site permit number and other entries; it will save you time down the road.

If you have any questions, please contact your Compliance Specialist.



**As of the end of November, only 766 gambling managers out of 1,163 had completed their continuing education requirements for calendar year 2016. That means there are 397 gambling managers who still need to fulfill their annual education requirements.**

**Remember, the gambling manager's examination has been discontinued for those who do not fulfill the education requirements in a calendar year. The citation amount for not attending a continuing education class will increase from last year.**

### Paper Pull-Tab Game Buyouts No Sales on Credit, No Buy-Backs

Your organization is required to receive payment upfront for all pull-tab sales. If an individual would like to buy out a pull-tab box, the player must pay for all of the tickets left in the box first, then the tickets may be given to the player.

For example, if a pull-tab game had 200 \$1 tickets left with a \$300 prize that had not yet been redeemed, a player must pay cash to buy the game out (\$200). No tickets may be given to a player without that player first having paid for them.

In addition, unopened pull-tabs may not be returned to seller for a refund. For example, a player purchases the last 200 \$1 tickets in a deal knowing that one \$200 winning ticket has not yet been redeemed. The 75<sup>th</sup> ticket opened is the \$200 winner. So the player brings the other 125 tickets back to the seller and asks for \$125 back. The seller is prohibited from taking the unopened tickets back. Once a pull-tab ticket is sold, it may not be returned.

For more information, see Minnesota Rule 7861.0260, Subpart 1, or contact your Compliance Specialist.

**In the News**

**Hot-Ball Bingo Prizes**

Did you know that the hot-ball is an additional bingo prize in a bingo game, and not a game in and of itself?

If you are charging players extra to be eligible for a hot-ball prize, a different color bingo paper sold for a higher price must be used. By using separate paper, you can easily identify who is eligible to win the additional hot-ball prize. For example, you could sell 3-on blue paper for \$1 which is not eligible for the hot-ball prize, and offer 3-on red paper for \$2, which is eligible.

Track the bingo paper used for games offering a hot-ball prize the same way as other bingo paper sold during a bingo occasion.

If the hot-ball prize is won, record the prize amount on the LG907, Bingo Game Prize Winner Sheet, or the LG920, Bar Bingo Paper Sales. If the prize is not won, you can increase the prize amount from game to game or from one occasion to the next, up to a maximum of \$500 per occasion.

**New House Rules Sign Requirements**

At each site that has either electronic pull-tabs or electronic linked bingo, the house rules sign will now also need to contain the following rules:

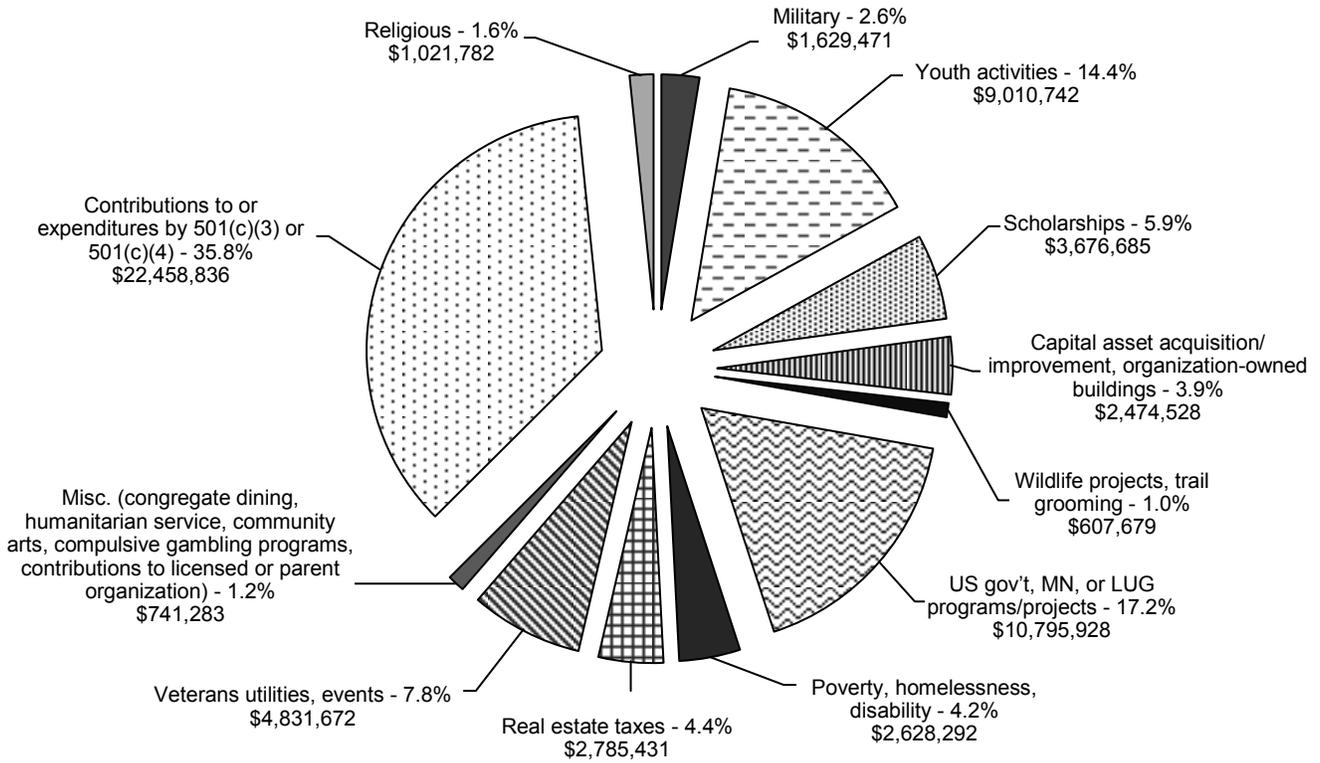
- The organization may remove a device from play that has not been in active mode for *(insert specified period of time)*.  
(Your organization must determine the amount of time to allow before removing the device from play.)
- Each player is limited to the use of one device at a time.

Contact your Compliance Specialist with questions.

**FY16 Lawful Gambling Gross Receipts, by County**

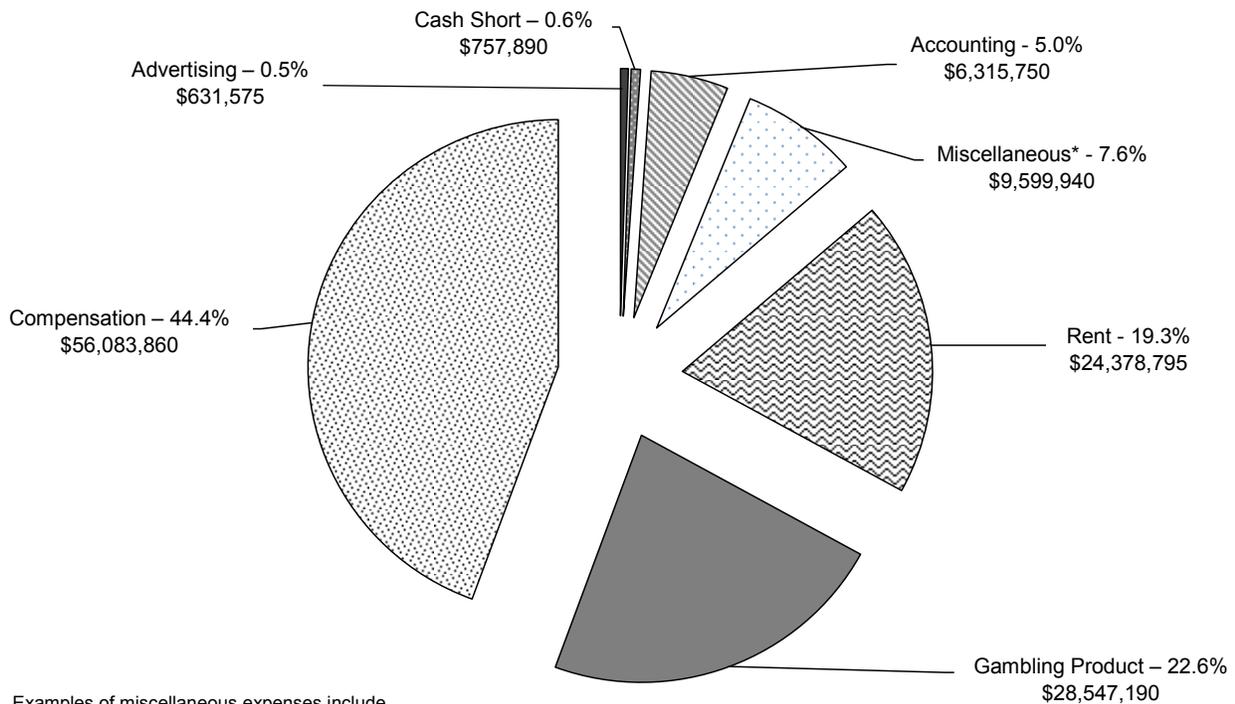
Aitkin	\$18,463,255	Itasca	\$14,144,508	Pope	\$8,308,728
Anoka	\$145,453,676	Jackson	\$6,211,194	Ramsey	\$107,701,384
Becker	\$14,900,292	Kanabec	\$4,984,328	Red Lake	\$1,161,840
Beltrami	\$5,009,389	Kandiyohi	\$8,855,397	Redwood	\$1,784,333
Benton	\$14,441,631	Kittson	\$1,279,193	Renville	\$3,469,621
Big Stone	\$14,441,631	Koochiching	\$4,120,509	Rice	\$12,901,814
Blue Earth	\$26,101,391	Lac qui Parle	\$3,400,114	Rock	\$1,060,460
Brown	\$7,896,222	Lake	\$2,042,459	Roseau	\$3,870,166
Carlton	\$4,998,830	Lake of the Woods	\$4,796,405	Scott	\$26,922,246
Carver	\$21,905,958	Le Sueur	\$9,330,804	Sherburne	\$34,816,170
Cass	\$20,486,872	Lincoln	\$375,047	Sibley	\$3,863,765
Chippewa	\$4,044,992	Lyon	\$2,215,780	St. Louis	\$39,300,268
Chisago	\$23,676,257	Marshall	\$5,730,874	Stearns	\$49,670,669
Clay	\$16,222,733	Martin	\$11,830,103	Steele	\$7,856,524
Clearwater	\$3,019,896	McLeod	\$11,442,298	Stevens	\$1,764,119
Cottonwood	\$1,338,135	Meeker	\$6,532,541	Swift	\$6,191,413
Crow Wing	\$38,913,898	Mille Lacs	\$16,605,940	Todd	\$9,908,178
Dakota	\$135,065,350	Morrison	\$20,270,363	Traverse	\$77,011
Dodge	\$3,984,263	Mower	\$7,755,908	Wabasha	\$7,031,175
Douglas	\$30,526,943	Murray	\$1,474,511	Wadena	\$4,095,336
Faribault	\$2,365,948	Nicollet	\$9,157,611	Waseca	\$5,757,973
Fillmore	\$10,940,321	Nobles	\$1,181,993	Washington	\$58,265,931
Freeborn	\$7,183,326	Norman	\$1,152,224	Watsonwan	\$5,351,773
Goodhue	\$7,183,326	Olmsted	\$22,567,282	Wilkin	\$1,432,181
Grant	\$3,998,822	Otter Tail	\$20,724,564	Winona	\$13,430,050
Hennepin	\$215,933,013	Pennington	\$10,195,389	Wright	\$67,816,317
Houston	\$4,026,752	Pine	\$9,674,869	Yellow Medicine	\$1,826,225
Hubbard	\$8,400,916	Pipestone	\$276,667		
Isanti	\$12,514,477	Polk	\$19,054,366		

**FY16 Lawful Purpose Expenditure (LPE) Breakdown\***



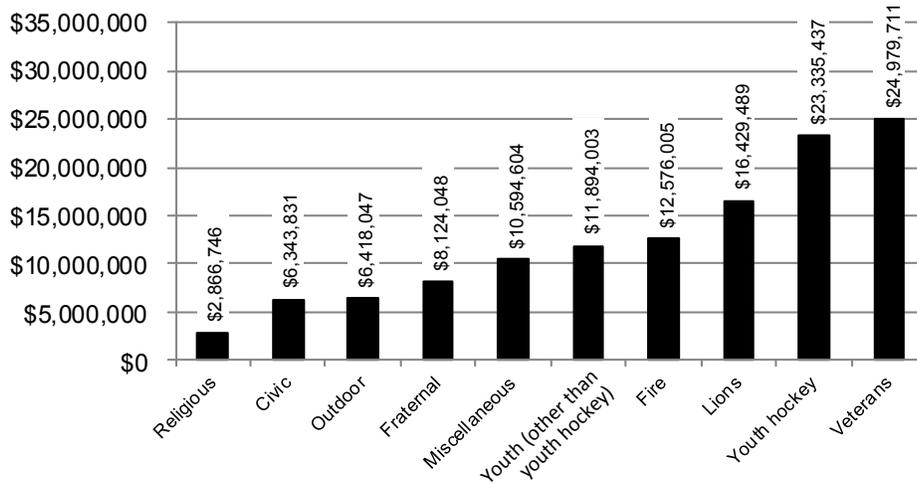
\* Does not include state, local, and federal taxes, or license and regulatory fees.

**FY16 Allowable Expenses (AE) Breakdown\***



\* Examples of miscellaneous expenses include office equipment and supplies, travel expenses, and gambling manager's bond.

**FY16 LPE by Type of Organization\***



**FY16 LPE by Star Rating as a Group**

Type of Organization	Description	Gross Receipts	Net Receipts (gross receipts less prizes)	LPE%	Star Rating as a Group
Youth Hockey	Youth hockey associations and ice arenas	\$273,999,115	\$43,558,762	53.6%	5
Lions	Lions Clubs	\$206,981,103	\$32,660,532	50.3%	5
Fire	Firefighter relief associations	\$164,119,068	\$25,842,714	48.7%	4
Miscellaneous	Festivals, animal shelters, arts, libraries, medical, etc.	\$128,499,172	\$21,904,616	48.4%	4
Veterans	American Legions, VFWs, auxiliaries, servicemen's clubs, etc.	\$312,071,312	\$51,950,053	48.1%	4
Fraternal	Eagles, Elks, Moose, Jaycees, etc.	\$102,629,940	\$16,918,193	48.0%	4
Religious	Churches, church schools, Knights of Columbus	\$31,947,217	\$6,014,395	47.7%	4
Youth	Youth sports other than hockey, youth arts, and other youth activities	\$143,397,828	\$25,134,341	47.3%	4
Civic	Chambers of commerce, commercial clubs, community clubs, etc.	\$84,062,184	\$13,851,712	45.8%	4
Outdoor	Snowmobile, conservation, ATV, sportsmen's clubs, etc.	\$82,396,563	\$14,465,472	44.4%	4
<b>Total/Average ALL ORGANIZATIONS</b>		<b>\$1,530,053,500</b>	<b>\$252,300,790</b>	<b>49.0%</b>	

\* Does not include organizations that did not actively conduct gambling for the entire fiscal year or organizations that did not submit accurate monthly reports to the Board in time to be included in this summary. Numbers may slightly change due to amended filings.

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Fiscal year 2016 showed an increase in sales across the board. Congratulations!

	Increase FY15 → FY16	Increase FY14 → FY16
Bingo, non-electronic	1.9%	5.2%
Bingo, electronic	17.5%	n/a
Paddlewheels	2.3%	6.3%
Pull-tabs, paper *	9.6%	20.8%
Pull-tabs, electronic *	174.2%	332.0%
Raffles	7.0%	21.0%
Tipboards	17.7%	34.1%

\* Paper pull-tab sales at sites where electronic pull-tabs are sold have also increased.

## Compliance Review Group (CRG) Report

The CRG, a committee of the Gambling Control Board, meets with licensees to conduct informal inquiries into alleged violations of lawful gambling statutes/rules. This information is a condensed report of recently completed CRG conferences. Penalties imposed are based on specific and unique information reviewed for each licensee.

**American Legion Post 217, Baudette, License 00088**

The organization failed to maintain accurate physical and perpetual inventory systems and reconcile them on a monthly basis, and made expenditures which do not qualify as lawful purpose or allowable expense.

Consent Order Requirements:

- Resolve and complete the Compliance Review.
- Reimburse the amount of unreconciled expenditures and inventory.

**Little Falls Lindbergh Lions Club, License 03031**

The organization failed to maintain correct and complete accounting records; failed to maintain accurate physical and perpetual inventory systems and reconcile them on a monthly basis; failed to make deposits of gambling receipts within four business days of the close of the game; conducted lawful gambling without the sufficient supervision of a licensed gambling manager; and filed inaccurate information with the Gambling Control Board and Revenue.

Consent Order Requirements:

- \$1,000 fine.
- 90-day suspension for West Side Bar premises.
- Lessor shall have no involvement in the conduct of lawful gambling at the West Side Bar.
- File a Corrective Action Plan.
- May only conduct lawful gambling at the West Side Bar via a booth operation and/or pull-tab dispensing device.
- Lessor must provide start-up banks used with a pull-tab dispensing device.
- Focused Compliance Review in nine months.

**Walnut Grove Area Loggers, License 36713**

The organization failed to pay or appeal a \$500 citation within the required timeframe, and failed to notify the Gambling Control Board of a change in its license application within ten days of the change.

Consent Order Requirements:

- \$250 fine.

## Citation Report

Citation amounts for similar violations may vary depending on unique circumstances and information, and are issued on a case-by-case basis.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>American Legion Post 333, Kasson</b>, License 00363. Failed to comply with Board requests for documentation. \$400 citation.</li> <li>• <b>VFW Post 246, Minneapolis</b>, License 00151. Inaccurately reported the value of redeemed winning pull-tab tickets on the Schedule B2. \$300 citation.</li> <li>• <b>American Legion Post 643, Savage</b>, License 00321. Gambling employee purchased pull-tabs at place of employment. \$300 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Delano Area Youth Hockey Association, Inc.</b>, License 02425. Conducted off-site gambling without an off-site permit. \$200 citation.</li> <li>• <b>St. Clair Fire Relief Association</b>, License 02358. Prize receipts not completed correctly and winning tickets not defaced. \$200 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Adonis Eco-Housing, St. Paul</b>, License 93083. Failed to timely provide documentation to the Board. \$200 citation.</li> <li>• <b>St. Katherine Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Arden Hills</b>, License 31686. Inaccurately reported the value of unsold tickets on the Schedule B2. \$200 citation.</li> <li>• <b>American Legion Post 579, Millville</b>, License 00292. Conducted a raffle that did not comply with statutes and rules. \$150 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Zumbro Falls Fire Relief Association</b>, License 02850. Check not signed by two active members. \$50 citation.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>American Legion Post 298, Foley</b>, License 00138. Failed to provide documentation that violations have been corrected. \$100 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Elks Lodge 2221, Hopkins</b>, License 00365. Altered pull-tab game flare which eliminated required language and available prizes. \$100 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Moose Lodge 742, Baudette</b>, License 00371. Transferred gambling funds to general account without prior Gambling Control Board approval. \$100 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association, New Hope</b>, License 05723. Deposits not made within four business days. \$150 citation.</li> </ul> <p>The following organizations failed to file lawful gambling reports LG100A, LG100C, and LG100F with the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Watkins Lions Club</b>, License 01608 (February 2016; repeat violation); \$350 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Eagles Aerie 2469, Grand Rapids</b>, License 01038 (April 2016); \$150 citation.</li> <li>• <b>American Legion Post 228, Waseca</b>, License 00135 (March 2016) - \$100 citation; (April 2016) - \$150 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Hoyt Lakes Chamber of Commerce</b>, License 04943 (March 2016); \$100 citation.</li> <li>• <b>American Legion Post 315, Lake Bronson</b>, License 00462 (April 2016); \$100 citation.</li> <li>• <b>Eagles Aerie 2469, Grand Rapids</b>, License 01038 (March 2016); \$100 citation.</li> </ul> |
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### LG500 CY15 3% Regulatory Tax for City or County Costs

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 349.213, subdivision 3, a city or county may impose a local gambling tax on each licensed organization within the city's or county's jurisdiction, only if they do not charge an investigation fee or other local taxes on lawful gambling. A township may not impose a local gambling tax. The tax, up to 3% of net receipts per year, may be imposed only if the amount is necessary to cover the costs to regulate lawful gambling in their jurisdiction. A city or county may not use money collected for any purpose other than to regulate lawful gambling. If a city spends more than its balance in a calendar year, a zero balance carries forward to the next year (negative balances are not carried forward).

Clerks and finance officers, mark your calendars. Cities or counties imposing a tax under section 349.213 must report to the Gambling Control Board annually by March 15 showing (1) the amount of revenue produced by the tax during the preceding calendar year, and (2) the use of the proceeds of the tax. The required report is the city's or county's responsibility; reminders are not sent.

Cities or counties are required to share all documents pertaining to the 3% tax (site inspections, fines, penalties, or other corrective action involving local lawful gambling regulation) with the Gambling Control Board within 30 days.

#### Is Your City or County Listed Below?

If your organization contributed up to 3% to your city or county for local lawful gambling regulation in calendar year 2015, the city or county should be listed below. If it is not listed, please notify the Gambling Control Board, 651-539-1900.

The cities reporting in calendar year 2015 and the amounts collected, spent, refunded, and balances are:

City	Percent	CY14 Balance	Interest	Collected	Spent	Refunds	CY15 Balance
Andover	1.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,340.66	\$1,340.66	\$0.00	\$0.00
Austin	0.50%	\$933.74	\$0.00	\$3,135.38	\$3,639.93	\$0.00	\$429.19
Bloomington	0.25%	\$34,770.41	\$0.00	\$8,331.58	\$1,236.90	\$0.00	\$41,865.09
Bock	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,086.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,086.78
Columbus	2.00%	\$2,105.53	\$0.00	\$3,802.10	\$860.00	\$0.00	\$5,047.63
Duluth	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,453.51	\$172,489.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
East Bethel	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,198.81	\$25,198.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eden Prairie	3.00%	\$21,814.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,814.17
Fridley	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,565.06	\$125,636.52	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jackson	1.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$485.23	\$485.23	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lilydale	3.00%	\$2,475.21	\$0.00	\$2,683.99	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,059.20
Lino Lakes	0.10%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,012.42	\$1,012.42	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mankato	3.00%	\$96,419.28	\$482.10	\$70,730.32	\$20,686.73	\$0.00	\$146,944.97
Maple Grove	0.50%	\$16,104.23	\$0.00	\$12,537.00	\$6,573.72	\$0.00	\$22,067.51
Mendota	2.00%	\$11,940.48	\$0.00	\$7,229.85	\$5,927.03	\$0.00	\$13,243.30
Minneapolis	3.00%	\$170,599.39	\$0.00	\$186,863.02	\$84,573.36	\$0.00	\$272,889.05
North Mankato	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,680.83	\$23,680.83	\$0.00	\$0.00
Owatonna	3.00%	\$398.64	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,439.06	\$0.00	\$459.58
Plymouth	3.00%	\$13,399.63	\$193.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,593.18
Roseville	3.00%	\$89,183.17	\$0.00	\$83,879.08	\$56,155.60	\$0.00	\$116,906.65
Shoreview	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,430.03	\$9,165.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring Lake Park	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,287.93	\$32,206.01	\$7,081.92	\$0.00
St. Louis Park	3.00%	\$2,669.59	\$0.00	\$12,613.51	\$10,693.75	\$0.00	\$4,589.35
St. Paul	2.50%	\$171,885.07	\$0.00	\$156,502.90	\$121,360.45	\$0.00	\$207,027.52
Waterville	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,667.61	\$6,667.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
White Bear Lake	2.00%	\$384.00	\$0.00	\$45,629.00	\$45,997.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Worthington	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,554.68	\$5,554.68	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$634,679.61</b>	<b>\$675.65</b>	<b>\$828,201.28</b>	<b>\$767,680.77</b>	<b>\$7,081.92</b>	<b>\$688,793.85</b>

**The Rest of the Story Behind the 2016 Tax Bill Veto**

**B**y now you may have heard about the “or” that caused the veto of the 2016 tax bill. This was not a veto of a \$101 million tax cut of lawful gambling taxes, but a legislative drafting error that would have provided a tax cut that the Legislature never intended.

Background

During the 2015 session, a bill was introduced which would have provided tax relief to a select few bingo halls in Minnesota. The bill, which did not originate with the Gambling Control Board and was not supported by the industry, received one hearing. The bill received no further hearings and was not passed.

What Happened Next?

Fast forward to the 2016 session. The bingo hall bill was never scheduled for any hearing but, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour (the night the session ended), the provision resurfaced—with changes. The Board was not aware of, nor consulted on, the changes to lawful gambling language that appeared in the tax bill. The huge tax bill passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor’s Office for signature. The Board became aware of the provision the next morning after session ended, when Board staff discovered the provision and realized that by using an “or” that should have been an “and”, a \$101 million error in the form of a tax cut had occurred. Calls were made to both House and Senate counsels and the Governor’s Office. All agreed with and confirmed our interpretation of the bill that was passed.

No Tax Cut Intended

A \$101 million tax cut was not intended by the Legislature; it was purely a drafting error. In reality, the veto of the tax bill was not a veto of any lawful gambling tax cut, but a veto of an error that would have resulted in an unintentional tax cut had the bill been signed into law.

State offices will be closed on December 26, 2016; January 2, January 16, and February 20, 2017.

**Trends in Lawful Gambling Gross Receipts**

NOTE: Figures for the current calendar year are subject to change due to amended, corrected, or late tax returns.

	Calendar Year 2016	% Change from 2015	Calendar Year 2015	% Change from 2014	Calendar Year 2014
January	\$125,537,735	11.5%	\$112,620,188	16.9%	\$96,311,012
February	\$129,473,531	16.3%	\$111,330,121	15.8%	\$96,133,463
March	\$141,828,750	11.4%	\$127,305,824	8.6%	\$117,276,302
April	\$140,230,020	16.4%	\$120,470,829	11.0%	\$108,505,995
May	\$134,197,267	10.1%	\$121,832,038	15.7%	\$105,309,209
June	\$125,731,516	12.3%	\$111,947,518	11.6%	\$100,342,863
July	\$132,619,474	13.8%	\$116,534,777	13.4%	\$102,740,059
August	\$133,465,713	10.1%	\$121,272,628	14.1%	\$106,332,839
September*	\$130,190,898	10.7%	\$117,577,509	12.0%	\$105,008,478
October			\$128,201,031	13.1%	\$113,331,522
November			\$123,385,303	16.6%	\$105,837,706
December			\$127,559,552	13.3%	\$112,611,439
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>\$1,193,274,904</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>\$1,440,037,319</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>\$1,269,740,887</b>

\* 98% of organizations reporting; totals as of 11/14/16

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