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TO: Charitable Gaming Licensees

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RE: House Bill 904 Effective July 15, 2026

The Kentucky General Assembly recently passed House Bill 904, which made several changes to the Kentucky Charitable Gaming Laws, specifically pertaining to the locations offering the play of electronic pulltab devices. House Bill 904 takes effect on **July 15, 2026**, and includes certain requirements for licensed charitable gaming facilities and charitable organizations that offer electronic pulltab gaming.

It is your responsibility to understand the changes to the law. This notice is being provided as a courtesy to highlight requirements that go into effect on July 15, 2026, and to provide answers to some of the questions we have received regarding changes included in the legislation.

The following requirements must be in place no later than July 15, 2026 and apply to all locations where electronic pulltab devices are offered, including bingo halls, primary office locations, and additional locations. Failing to adhere to these requirements could result in violations and potential sanctions being imposed against you. The requirements are as follows:

1. If the facility is open to people 21 or younger and five or more devices are present, the charitable organization must:
 - a) establish one cordoned-off area for all electronic pulltab devices that is readily visible to the chairperson for monitoring the charitable gaming activity;
 - b) keep a chairperson, who is employed by the licensed charitable organization, on staff full-time to monitor the entrance of the cordoned-off area to persons age 21 and over; and
 - c) allow patrons access only after identification is checked by the chairperson to confirm the patron is 21 years or older.

2. If the facility is open to people 21 or younger and has four or fewer devices present, the charitable organization must:
 - a) establish one cordoned-off area for all electronic pulltab devices that is readily visible to the chairperson for monitoring the charitable gaming activity;
 - b) keep a chairperson on staff to monitor the entrance of the cordoned-off area to persons age 21 and over; and
 - c) allow patrons access only after identification is checked by the chairperson to confirm the patron is 21 years or older.
3. If the facility is open only to those age 21 and over and electronic pulltab devices are present, the charitable organization must establish one cordoned-off area for all electronic pulltab devices that is readily visible to the chairperson for monitoring the charitable gaming activity.

A cordoned off-area is a space that has been blocked off, restricted, or sealed, using physical barriers, such as, but not limited to, ropes, walls, partitions, and the like.

For additional information regarding House Bill 904, please see the FAQs below. **KHRG will update the FAQ as necessary with additional questions and answers and post to the Office of Charitable Gaming website at <https://dcg.ky.gov>.**

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding House Bill 904 and Charitable Gaming
Last Updated June 16, 2026

Q1. When do the changes to the laws detailed in House Bill 904 take effect?

A1. July 15, 2026.

Q2. What is the deadline for a facility licensee to apply to transfer its license to a licensed charitable organization?

A2. October 13, 2026.

Q3. Can a facility licensee transfer all its licenses?

A3. Yes, except a facility licensee may transfer no more than 3 licenses where persons 21 years of age or younger are permitted to locations where only persons 21 years of age and older are permitted beginning July 15 – October 13, 2026.

Q4. How long will it take KHRG to process a facility license transfer request?

A4. Up to 90 days from the date the KHRG receives a completed request and application.

Q5. Where can I find the application to request transfer of a facility license?

A5. The application is available [here](#). It should be sent to the facility's assigned licensing administrator.

Q6. How many locations may a charitable organization offer the play of electronic charity game tickets or electronic pulltab devices on July 15, 2026?

A6. Prior to the moratorium ending on April 15, 2027, a charitable organization shall only offer the play of electronic charity game tickets and electronic pulltab devices at **one (1)** of the following locations as approved and authorized by KHRG:

1. The office location of the charitable organization;
2. The location where the charitable organization is licensed to conduct bingo; or
3. The location where charity fundraising events as defined in this chapter are authorized.

Q7. What if a charitable organization offered the play of electronic charity game tickets or electronic pulltab devices at additional locations from those listed above prior to July 1, 2025?

A7. If a charitable organization operated at additional locations from those listed above as of July 1, 2025, those additional locations may continue to operate unless one of the following occurs, which shall result in the loss and closure of the additional location or locations:

1. Change of ownership or transfer of the charitable organization, or charitable organization's permanent cessation of charitable gaming;
2. Failure to maintain a valid lease due to expiration and termination of lease agreements;
3. Failure by the licensee to comply with all charitable gaming requirements;
4. Failure or inability of the existing facility or location to restrict access to persons 21 years of age or older;
5. Failure to timely report changes to the additional location or to update the information submitted to the corporation as part of the licensing process; or
6. Failure to provide information as requested or ordered by the corporation, related to the conduct of charitable gaming at the additional location.

All additional locations of a charitable organization shall be lost and closed upon occurrence of any of the following:

1. Suspension or revocation of a license due to a violation;
2. Failure by a licensee to timely reapply for licensure or pay all required licensure fees; or
3. Engagement in activities that would pose a threat to the public interest or the effective regulation of charitable gaming in Kentucky, or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of charitable gaming or in the operation of the business and financial arrangements incidental thereto.

Q8. Are we allowed to have electronic pulltab devices in premises where persons under the age of 21 are allowed?

A8. Yes, but effective **July 15, 2026**, the following will be required of those locations where persons under the age of 21 are allowed:

If five or more devices are present, the charitable organization must 1) establish one cordoned-off area for all electronic pulltab devices that is readily visible to the chairperson for monitoring the charitable gaming activity; 2) keep a chairperson, who is employed by the licensed charitable organization, on staff full-time to monitor the entrance of the cordoned-off area to persons age 21 and over; and 3) allow patrons access only after identification is checked by the chairperson to confirm the patron is 21 years or older.

If four or fewer devices are present, the charitable organization must 1) establish one cordoned-off area for all electronic pulltab devices that is readily visible to the chairperson for monitoring the charitable gaming activity; 2) keep a chairperson on staff to monitor the entrance of the cordoned-off area to persons age 21 and over; and 3) allow patrons access only after identification is checked by the chairperson to confirm the patron is 21 years or older.

Q9. Do the electronic pulltabs have to be in a cordoned-off area if the location only allows 21 and up?

A9. Yes. Effective July 15, 2026, even if the location is entirely restricted to people 21 or older, the charitable organization must establish one cordoned-off area for all electronic pulltab devices that is readily visible to the chairperson for monitoring the devices.

Q10. Do electronic pulltab devices have to be in a cordoned-off area in ALL locations by July 15, 2026?

A10. Yes.

Q11. May our charitable organization pay chairpersons?

A11. Beginning July 15, 2026, a licensed charitable organization may provide reasonable payment to a chairperson; however, it is not required.

Q12. May our charitable organization use an on-duty employee of the location where charitable gaming is conducted as our required on-site chairperson?

A12. Beginning July 15, 2026, an employee of the premises upon which the charitable gaming is conducted that is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, has completed training prescribed by the office, and has completed the required background checks may serve as a chairperson for the charitable organization. The training and federal background check requirements do not take effect until July 1, 2027.

Q13. What is the maximum prize for an individual charity game ticket or electronic pulltab device?

A13. Beginning July 15, 2026, a prize for an individual charity game ticket, including one purchased through an electronic pulltab device, shall not exceed \$1,499.00 in value, not including the value of cumulative or carryover prizes awarded in seal card games.

Q14. Are the licensing fees increasing?

A14. No, not at this time.

Q15. Will organizations who are now licensed facility operators be required to file a quarterly facility financial report and the organization's quarterly/annual reports?

A15. Yes.

Q16. Does a licensee who has both a facility license and organization license complete the KSP background check and the federal background check upon renewal of both licenses?

A16. Yes. KRS 238.530 and 238.555 require an applicant for a charitable gaming license to conduct a state and federal criminal history background check on the CEO, CFO, director, chairpersons, the applicant itself, and anyone with a 10% or more financial interest in the applicant.

Q17. What is a cordoned-off area?

A17. A cordoned off-area is a space that has been blocked off, restricted, or sealed, using physical barriers, such as, but not limited to, ropes, walls, partitions, and the like.

Q18. When can the charitable organization transfer an under 21 location to an over 21 location?

A18. Between July 15, 2026 – October 13, 2026, after the transfer of the facility license to the charitable organization, the new facility licensee may request to transfer up to three (3) under 21 locations to over 21 locations. A written request, completed facility application, and \$25.00 processing fee must be submitted by email to dcg.accounting@ky.gov. A compliance inspection will be conducted of the new premises for approval before a license is issued. **Please note:** The transfer request must be submitted by October 13, 2026. If the request(s) are not initiated timely, the request to move may not be approved.

Q19. Can a licensed facility that conducts bingo in addition to electronic and paper pulltabs transfer its license to a charitable organization?

Q19. No.

Q20. Can a chairperson be paid now by the charitable organization before attending the required training in 2027?

A20. Yes.

Q21. Currently, facilities have separate checking accounts for every location. Will the organization who is now a facility operator have to establish a separate checking account for each facility in which they are conducting gaming?

A21. Yes.

Q22. Can the CEO, CFO, chairpersons, and employees of the licensed organization be the same for the facility if the organization becomes the facility operator?

A22. Yes.

Q23. Now that an organization may have both a facility license and organization license how will renewals work in the future?

A23. Renewal applications for facility licenses are required to be submitted 60 days prior to the expiration date on the license by submitting Form CG-APP-FAC. Renewal applications for charitable organizations are required to be submitted 60 days prior to the expiration date on the license by submitting Form CG-APP-ORG.

Q24. Who should I contact about specific questions related to House Bill 904 that are not answered here?

A24. Keep an eye on our website at <https://dca.ky.gov> for updates to these FAQs or contact KHRG Chief Legal Officer Ashleigh Bailey at ashleigh.bailey@ky.gov.