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\*1 Reverend Leon E. Thompson  
Minister  
Midland Park United Methodist Church  
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Dear Reverend Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of August 7, 1980, concerning the operation of raffles, lotteries, turkey shoots and similar fund raising efforts by charitable organizations. You inquire whether these fall in the same category as bingo games?

The game of bingo was declared not to be a lottery by adoption of a constitutional amendment in 1975. Otherwise, it would be a lottery, and lotteries are contrary to the law of this State.

Raffles are lotterles but turkey shoots present a problem upon which there is no agreement

Only charitable organizations are permitted to conduct bingo games by virtue of the constitutional provision referred to above, but charitable organizations are not authorized to participate in any other type of activity other than on the same basis as other entities.

I hope that the foregoing is an adequate response to your inquiry, but if there are any further questions, please feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. Mcleo  
Attorney General

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