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Summary of Bingo/Raffle regulation

General Overview:

- 1958 Bingo and raffle legalized in the Colorado constitution
- June 1992 Sunset review by Colo. Department of Regulatory Agencies
 - o "The Department recommends that a task force study the possibility of transferring the regulation of charitable gaming to the Colorado Department of Revenue, thereby consolidating all gaming activities in the State of Colorado in one department."
- October 1997 Sunset review by Colo. Department of Regulatory Agencies
 - o "DORA makes the following recommendations in this Sunset Report to improve the effectiveness of the Bingo and Raffles Law:
 - "Transferring enforcement of the Bingo and Raffles Law to the Colorado Department of Revenue;"
- October 2007 Sunset review by Colo. Department of Regulatory Agencies
 - o "A general review of complaints and resolutions does not substantiate a need to transfer the regulation of bingo and games of chance from the SOS to the DOR."
- April 2008 Governor signs legislation saying (12-9-103 (6)(a)):
 - On or before December 31, 2008, the secretary of state and the executive director of the department of revenue shall jointly prepare and transmit a report of their findings and recommendations to the house and senate committees on finance and the house and senate committees on state, veterans, and military affairs, or their successor committees."
- December 2008 Colo. Secretary of State and Executive Director submit report to House and Senate Finance and State, Veterans and Military Affairs committees
 - o "The SOS recommends, and DOR concurs, that the General Assembly submit a referred measure to the voters in 2010 that would allow the General Assembly to put the licensing and enforcement duties over charitable gaming in the appropriate department. We further recommend that if the referred measure passes, the General Assembly pass appropriate amendments to Title 12, Article 9 that would move all functions, funding and personnel to the appropriate department. The SOS recommends that the appropriate department is the Department of Revenue. DOR agrees that the licensing and regulatory functions of charitable gaming should be in a single department and the appropriate department is DOR."
- May 2009 HCR09-1003 passed both chambers receiving only 1 "no" vote
 - o "Submitting to the registered electors of the state of Colorado an amendment to section 2 of article XVIII of the constitution of the state of Colorado, concerning the regulation of games of chance by an authority specified by the general assembly."