

I would like to formally submit written testimony regarding the hearing held by the House Commerce Committee on April 13, 2021 regarding HF 2366. My name is Sean Sullivan and I work for Electronic Game Solutions, a licensed linked bingo provider in the State of Minnesota. Regarding the modifications to the definition of an Electronic bingo device I believe there are unintended consequences to the language used for 349.12 Subd. 12a. (5).

The new language is "(5) may only display the results of the electronic bingo game in a manner typically associated with bingo played in a paper format, may only display the grid of numbers and letters typically associated with paper bingo, and may not display or simulate any other form of gambling, entertainment, slot machines, electronic video lotteries, or video games of chance;"

The new language that I am concerned about is the second part of this sentence that states that an Electronic bingo device may only display the grid of number and letters typically associated with paper bingo, ... If this wording is allowed then there would be no way for a player to purchase cards for a linked bingo game. They would also not be able to see what the payouts for the current game are, how many credits they have available for play, how many other players are bought in for a game or even be able to go back to a menu that would allow them to select other games.

The language states that the only thing aloud on the screen is a simulation of a bingo card. If this is the case and the Statute is passed the way it is written then linked bingo would not be available to play in any capacity in the State of Minnesota.

In addition to this affecting linked bingo this would also negatively affect session bingo and bar bingo. The establishments that utilize Electronic bingo devices for those games would also not be able to use them anymore if they could only display a bingo card. A player would not know how many cards they are playing, what pattern they need to win, be able to change to the next game and various other critical components to playing an Electronic bingo device.

One other consideration is how this would impact a player with a disability and their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As required by current Statute any Electronic bingo device must be usable by a person who is visually impaired. If the only thing allowed on the screen is a bingo card then that person's rights under the ADA would be violated along with other various disabilities.

I understand the concept of what is trying to be accomplished by these proposed changes to the current Statute and would like to suggest that either removing 349.12 Subd. 12a. (5) completely and or removing the second portion of this sentence so it would read " (5) may only display the results of the electronic bingo game in a manner typically associated with

bingo played in a paper format, ~~may only display the grid of numbers and letters typically associated with paper bingo,~~ and may not display or simulate any other form of gambling, entertainment, slot machines, electronic video lotteries, or video games of chance;" would accomplish the same goals.

Thank you for your time with this matter and if you have any questions regarding this information please let me know.

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