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“Ultimate Bingo Game System Considered To Be A Slot Machine”

Several gambling devices operating as an electronic bingo game system under the names of: “Ultimate Bingo,” “Double Time Bingo,” “Hot Ball Bingo” and similar Gaming Devices have been placed into operation in California bingo halls, card rooms, and other non-tribal gaming facilities.

It is the view of the Division of Gambling Control (Division) that the electronic bingo game system, named “Ultimate Bingo” which contains programming for the games of “Double Time Bingo” and “Hot Ball Bingo,” is a slot machine as defined by California Penal Code Section 330b, subdivision (4). Furthermore, it is our view the “Ultimate Bingo” game system does not fit Penal Code Section 326.5's definition of an authorized charitable organization bingo game, and therefore, is not exempt from the Penal Code's slot machine prohibition pursuant to Penal Code Section 326.5. Accordingly, it is the Division's view that the “Ultimate Bingo” game system, and similar Gaming Devices, cannot lawfully be played in California bingo halls, cardrooms, and any other location that facilitates gaming, excluding tribal casinos.

For more information regarding this advisory, contact the California Department of Justice, Division of Gambling Control, at (916) 263-3408.