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Multiple Break Open Ticket Sales Locations within a Municipality

The Registrar of Alcohol and Gaming is pleased to announce that, effective May 1, 2009, the restriction in the Lottery Licensing Policy Manual (LLPM) limiting local charities and Provincial Break Open Ticket (PBOT) licensees to one Break Open Ticket (BOT) sales location within a municipality or area covered by a given licensing authority will be removed. With this change, local charities and PBOT licensees will be permitted to sell BOTs from more than one sales location within a municipality or area covered by a given licensing authority subject to any limits imposed by the licensing authority.

As part of the on-going Modernization of Charitable Gaming initiative, the Registrar is removing this restriction to provide greater flexibility and opportunity for eligible organizations to sell BOTs at multiple third party sales locations within a municipality. Consistent with the principles of the modernization initiative, the Registrar remains committed to providing appropriate flexibility for licensees to engage in fundraising opportunities to deliver their services to the general public.

The Registrar acknowledges the role of licensing authorities to issue BOT licences to eligible organizations in their jurisdiction, and will permit licensing authorities to place limits on the number of licences they issue per organization in their jurisdiction, if deemed necessary. It is expected that limitations imposed by licensing authorities on the number of BOT licences issued to any eligible organization will be the result of detailed analysis and only used where the limitation is warranted (for example, where a waiting list of new eligible organizations awaiting BOT sales locations exists). The hope is that new charitable licensees in the BOT marketplace will be afforded priority for new sales locations within a given jurisdiction and that existing contracts between licensees and 3rd party retail locations will be respected as new licensees enter the marketplace.

The Registrar retains the authority to issue Provincial Break Open Ticket licences. However, the Registrar may place a limit on the number of retail locations permitted per PBOT licensee in a municipality or area covered by a given licensing authority if a similar limit, that is warranted, has been placed on the number of retail locations that may sell BOTs for each charity by the local licensing authority.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact Ryan Scheller, Gaming Registration Officer at 416-314-0539 or our toll-free line at 1-800-522-2876.