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Opinion No. 75-188

Mr. David Berkowitz  
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Douglas County Courthouse  
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Dear Mr. Berkowitz:

You have asked for an opinion as to whether a bingo game giving away two or more prizes on a single series of drawings of numbers constitutes one or more games counting towards the maximum of twenty-five games per day as prescribed by Senate Bill 116.

The Kansas Legislature, in defining the term "bingo", as

"a game in which each participant must pay a charge and a prize or prizes are awarded to the winner or winners in which each participant receives one or more cards each [here describing bingo cards and bingo calling systems], with the winner of each game being the player or players first properly covering a predetermined and announced pattern of squares upon the card being used by such player or players," [Emphasis supplied.]

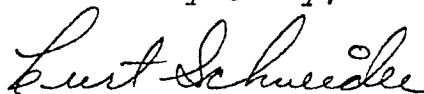
has in effect defined the word "game."

Notice the word "winner" in the definition. The "winner" is that player -- or players in case of ties -- first covering the predetermined and announced pattern of squares upon the card being used. Each "game" has a winner. Therefore, a game concludes every time a winner is selected, and a new game starts with the next draw of a number. The fact that all numbers are not re-deposited in the receptacle has no bearing on whether a new game begins.

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Therefore, the situation you describe in your letter whereby a prize is given for one pattern and then another pattern on the same drawing constitutes two games.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curt Schneider". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

CURT T. SCHNEIDER  
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