

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT EXECUTVE COMMITTEE  
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL, MOON TWP., PENNSYLVANIA  
JANUARY 17-18, 2026**

Resolution No. 1164

Submitted by: Douglas Church  
Legislative Committee Chair

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WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania American Legion is dedicated to serving veterans, their families, and communities throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Charitable gaming, including Small Games of Chance (SGOC), has long provided critical funding to support veterans' services, youth programs, scholarships, community initiatives, and other charitable endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The current statutory framework governing charitable gaming in Pennsylvania has not kept pace with modern technology or the evolving needs of veteran and fraternal organizations; and

WHEREAS, Outdated restrictions on charitable gaming limit the ability of local posts to generate sufficient revenue to sustain their programs and facilities, while unregulated and illegal gaming operations continue to proliferate and siphon resources from legitimate organizations; and

WHEREAS, Modernization of charitable gaming laws, such as authorizing electronic pull-tabs, updating prize structures, and simplifying compliance requirements, has proven effective in ten other states, resulting in increased revenues, stronger accountability, and enhanced support for veterans and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Electronic pull-tabs do not represent an expansion of gaming, but rather a modernization of a charitable game that has been legally authorized and operated in Pennsylvania since 1988; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania American Legion neither endorses nor promotes gambling activities; however, it recognizes the reality that charitable gaming has long been a permitted and relied-upon means of fundraising, and its intention is to ensure that those Posts which choose to engage in charitable gaming have access to a legal, regulated, and proven successful option to support their missions; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania American Legion recognizes that responsible modernization of charitable gaming will allow local posts to remain financially sustainable, better fulfill their mission, and continue to serve as pillars of their communities; and now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Pennsylvania Executive Committee meeting in regular session January 17-18, 2026 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Moon Twp., PA, formally support legislative efforts to modernize**

**Pennsylvania's charitable gaming statutes, including the authorization of electronic pull-tabs and other modern tools, updated prize limits, and streamlined compliance provisions; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Governor of Pennsylvania, and other relevant stakeholders as an expression of the Pennsylvania American Legion's strong support for meaningful reform.**

APPROVED  REJECTED  REFERRED  CONSOLIDATED  FILED