

# State Revenue Dept. Probes Bingo Games

For the past several months the State Department of Revenue has been reviewing the policy and rules governing issuance of permits of Games of Chance and Skill with particular emphasis on the regulations controlling the operations of Bingo games.

A recent study of nine major Bingo operations in the State for the calendar year 1970 disclosed that on a combined gross of \$767,735 only \$18,136 or 2.36% of that gross was ultimately devoted as net dedicated proceeds for civic, charitable, religious, or other permitted purposes.

These findings led the De-

partment to believe that Bingo operations are beginning to be conducted with a business profit incentive rather than as an activity designed to produce money for charitable and like purposes.

Some organizations report little or nothing going to dedicated purposes with the greater part of the net proceeds expended to improve the physical plant or to support other activities of the sponsoring organization.

Some questions were also raised concerning reported irregular practices in conducting the Bingo games as well as the associated raffles and special draw lotteries.