

State Rep. Kenny Yuko Named to Joint Committee on Bingo and Skill-based Gaming

Legislator will continue to provide input on gaming issues in Ohio

COLUMBUS- State Representative Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) has been appointed to a new joint Ohio House/Senate committee that will review and evaluate all existing statutes and rules governing the operation and conduct of bingo, instant bingo, and skill-based amusement machines.

The committee was established in House Bill 519, the Casino Gaming and Workforce Development Act, sponsored by Rep. Yuko. That legislation laid out the implementation language required by the constitutional amendment that created four casinos and was passed by the voters of Ohio last November.

“I am pleased to be able to use the knowledge and experience that came from sponsoring the casino implementation bill to ensure that all aspects of gaming receive proper attention in Ohio,” said Rep. Yuko. “We need to take a close look at how state laws impact everything from church bingo to gaming parlors.”

Rep. Yuko is one of five members of the Ohio House appointed to the commission by House Speaker Armond Budish. 5 members from the Ohio Senate will also serve on the panel.

The joint committee will recommend to the General Assembly any benefits that would relate to the commission overseeing the operation and conduct of bingo, instant bingo, and skill-based amusement machines and will submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2010.