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Statement by Secretary Barca on Supreme Court's Quick Charge Machines

We at the Department of Revenue are pleased to see today's unanimous decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court affirming the lower court's decision that the Quick Charge machines are in fact illegal video gambling machines.

We have maintained all along that these machines are thinly veiled gambling machines. We strongly suggest all retailers make plans to immediately remove them from any and all Wisconsin establishments. It stretched credulity to believe these machines were anything other than illegal gambling machines. We are encouraged by the Supreme Court's decision. Our intention is to vigorously enforce the law on these types of illegal gambling machines. We are grateful that this decision gives us the ability to ensure removal of these machines in order to protect the public.

We would like to thank the Supreme Court of Wisconsin for this sound decision and would also like to thank the team at the Department of Justice and our DOR attorneys who worked tirelessly on this issue and never gave up in their conviction to get us to this decision. I would also want to call attention to the great work of Department of Revenue special agents along with local law enforcement agencies throughout the state that contribute to combating these illegal gambling machines.

