

WSR 21-06-080

PROPOSED RULES

WASHINGTON STATE LOTTERY

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 19-23-055.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Washington's lottery is proposing to amend chapter 315-06 WAC, General lottery rules, in order to implement the voluntary self-exclusion program required by SHB 1302 (2019), codified as RCW 67.70.040(5).

Hearing Location(s): On April 22, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., virtual. In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the commission will not provide a physical location in order to promote social distancing. See walottery.com or call or email Kristi Weeks for details on how to participate virtually.

Date of Intended Adoption: April 22, 2021.

Submit Written Comments to: Kristi Weeks, P.O. Box 4300, Olympia, WA 98504-3000, email KWeeks@walottery.com, fax 360-515-0416, by April 21, 2021.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Debbie Robinson, phone 360-791-3045, fax 360-515-0416, TTY 360-586-0933, email DRobinson@walottery.com, by April 14, 2021.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Proposed changes to chapter 315-06 WAC would allow for the addition of a new rule outlining the voluntary self-exclusion program for persons suffering from problem gambling or a gambling disorder. This new program provides those suffering from problem gambling or gambling disorder the opportunity to exclude themselves from redeeming certain winning lottery tickets or participating in lottery promotions.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Washington's lottery is required by legislature to adopt rules establishing a program that allows a person to voluntarily exclude themselves from lottery activities (SHB 1302 (2019)) no later than June 30, 2021.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 67.70.040 (1), (3), and (5).

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 67.70.040.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Washington's lottery, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, implementation, and enforcement: Kristi Weeks, 814 4th Avenue East, Olympia, WA, 360-810-2881.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. The lottery is not an agency listed in RCW 34.05.328 (5)(a)(i). Further, the lottery does not voluntarily make that section applicable to the adoption of this rule pursuant to subsection (5)(a)(ii) and to date the joint administrative rules review committee has not made the section applicable to the adoption of this rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules relate only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to vio-

lation by a nongovernment party; and rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute.

March 1, 2021
Kristi Weeks
Director of Legal Services

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NEW SECTION

WAC 315-06-220 Voluntary self-exclusion. (1) The voluntary self-exclusion program is established for the purpose of allowing persons to exclude themselves from lottery play and related activities. Each person who enrolls in the voluntary self-exclusion program acknowledges that it is their responsibility to refrain from engaging in lottery play and other related activities.

(2) Definitions. The following definitions apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(a) "Director" means the director of the Washington state lottery commission.

(b) "Excluded prize" means: (i) Any monetary, promotional, or merchandise prize valued at more than \$600; and (ii) any monetary, promotional, or merchandise second chance drawing prize regardless of value.

(c) "Lottery" means the Washington state lottery commission, otherwise known as Washington's lottery.

(d) "Lottery play" means purchase, play, or redemption of lottery tickets or games.

(e) "Lottery related activities" or "related activities" include, but are not limited to: Promotions, second chance promotions or drawings, events, and participation in the lottery's loyalty program.

(f) "Merchandise prize" means a prize offered by the lottery that is a product, experience, or service other than a monetary prize. Merchandise prizes include gift cards.

(g) "Monetary prize" means a prize offered by the lottery that is payable as a check, bank transfer, or annuity.

(h) "Participant" means a person who has enrolled in the program.

(i) "Prize" means any award, financial or otherwise, awarded by the director. Prizes may include any monetary amount, merchandise item, or experience offered by the lottery.

(j) "Promotion" means a time-limited opportunity for a player to receive a prize or other benefit not typically offered by the lottery, the purpose of which is to promote a certain lottery product, activity, partnership, or event.

(k) "Second chance lottery promotion" or "second chance drawing" means a drawing or promotion wherein a player must submit a nonwinning lottery ticket in order to be eligible to win a prize.

(l) "Voluntary self-exclusion program" or "program" means the voluntary self-exclusion program authorized under RCW 67.70.040, and does not apply to any form of gambling other than the lottery.

(3) Enrollment. A person may enroll in the program in person or by mail.

(a) In person at a lottery office by:

(i) Submitting a completed application on a form provided by the lottery;

(ii) Providing proof of identity. Acceptable forms of identification are: A valid driver's license from any state; a government-issued identification card containing the person's name, photograph, and date of birth; or a valid United States or Canadian passport; and

(iii) Any other documentation required by the director.

(b) Through the mail by:

(i) Submitting a completed application on a form provided by the lottery. The form must be notarized;

(ii) Providing proof of identity. Acceptable forms of identification are a copy of: A valid driver's license from any state; a government-issued identification card containing the person's name, photograph, and date of birth; or a valid United States or Canadian passport; and

(iii) Any other documentation required by the director.

(4) Period of enrollment.

(a) At the time of enrollment, the participant shall select a one-, three-, or five-year period of voluntary self-exclusion.

(b) At the time of enrollment, the participant may select the effective date of participation. If no date is selected, the effective date shall be the next business day after enrollment.

(c) Once enrolled, the participant shall not change the effective date or term of enrollment, except to extend the period of enrollment pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

(d) Once enrolled, the participant shall not exit the program prior to termination of the selected period of voluntary self-exclusion.

(5) Termination, extension, and renewal of enrollment. Upon expiration of the selected period of enrollment, the participant will be removed from the program. The participant may extend their current enrollment by submitting a new application as required in subsection (3) of this section at least thirty days prior to expiration of the current enrollment period. A participant may reenroll in the program at any time following expiration of the current enrollment period by submitting a new application as required in subsection (3) of this section.

(6) Voluntary self-exclusion.

(a) During the period of enrollment, the participant acknowledges and agrees:

(i) The participant will not participate in lottery play or related activities;

(ii) The participant will not claim, redeem, or collect any excluded prize;

(iii) The participant will not create or maintain a lottery loyalty program account; and

(iv) Points or benefits accrued in the participant's existing loyalty program account, if any, will expire based on established expiry date(s) and no refund or replacement shall be provided by the lottery.

(b) Participants shall not be entitled to claim, redeem, or collect any excluded prize. In the event a participant attempts to claim, redeem, or collect an excluded prize during the period of enrollment, monetary prizes will be forfeited to the problem gambling account created in RCW 41.05.751 after payments of any debt under RCW 67.70.255. Taxes will be withheld and reported to the Internal Revenue Service

for any portion of an excluded prize used to satisfy a debt. Merchandise prizes will be retained by the lottery.

(c) The lottery will take all reasonable steps to remove the participant from existing promotional mailing lists, electronic distribution lists, or other promotional listings.

(d) The program is intended to assist participants in controlling their gambling habits and promote responsible gambling. The lottery, its licensees, retailers, vendors, agents, contractors, and employees are not liable for damages in any civil action by any person based on:

(i) Compliance or noncompliance with this chapter;

(ii) An action or failure to act under this chapter;

(iii) Failure to withhold lottery privileges from an individual;

(iv) Permitting a participant to engage in lottery play or related activities; or

(v) Payment of a winning lottery prize to a participant.

(e) Information submitted by a participant related to the program is exempt from public inspection and copying pursuant to RCW 42.56.230. De-identified information may be released for statistical or research purposes. For purposes of this section, "de-identified" means captured personal information that cannot reasonably identify, relate to, describe, be capable of being associated with, or be linked, directly or indirectly, to a particular individual.

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