

WSR 23-03-078
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The gambling commission will review and adjust license fees for three different types of sports wagering vendors: (1) Major sports wagering vendor, providing integral sports wagering goods or services; (2) mid-level sports wagering vendor, providing services or equipment related to data, security, and integrity; and (3) ancillary sports wagering vendor, providing necessary sports wagering support services.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 9.46.070.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: As sports wagering is an authorized tribal-only gambling activity, the costs to the gambling commission for licensing and enforcement must be supported by licensing fees collected from sports wagering vendors. The amount of the vendor fees established in 2021 was based on the commission's best estimate of the costs associated with both licensing and enforcement of a new gambling activity and the number of vendors who would apply for each license type. Now that the commission has experienced a year of licensing and enforcement of these vendors, it has the necessary information to assess actual costs and adjust vendor fees for fiscal year 2024.

Process for Developing New Rule: Regular rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Lisa McLean, Legislative and Policy Manager, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, phone 360-486-3440, TTY 360-486-3637, email rules.coordinator@wsgc.wa.gov, website www.wsgc.wa.gov.

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