

WSR 23-19-093
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The gambling commission (commission) is considering a petition to amend several rules related to the conduct of raffles. The commission also has an interest in adding some requirements to some of the raffle rules. The rules under consideration for amendment include: WAC 230-11-065 Raffle prizes, 230-11-067 Requesting commission approval prior to offering raffle prizes exceeding \$40,000 per prize or \$300,000 in a license year, 230-11-075 Limit number of guests for members-only raffles, 230-11-085 Modified and discounted pricing plans for tickets for members-only raffles, 230-11-086 Discounted pricing plans for tickets to members-only raffles, 230-11-087 Other pricing plans for members-only raffles, and 230-11-105 Retain and store raffle records.

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: The petitioners would like to increase the maximum caps on the price of members-only raffle tickets in order to keep up with inflation. They also hope to be able to increase the number of allowable guests at a members-only raffle from 25 to 50 percent. They seek to ease the need to retain a high volume of records. Finally, they would like the thresholds for seeking commission approval for a raffle based on the value of a single prize or prizes in a license year to be raised to, again, keep up with inflation.

Commission staff would like to add additional requirements to raffles offering high-value prizes to protect the raffle organizer and raffle ticket buyers in the event that ticket sales fall short of expectations.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

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 C. McLean, Legislative and Policy Manager, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, phone 360-486-3454, TTY 360-486-3637, email rules.coordinator@wsgc.wa.gov, website www.wsgc.wa.gov.

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