

WSR 22-14-048  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
WASHINGTON STATE LOTTERY  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Washington's lottery is considering revisions to WAC 315-04-180 Obligations of lottery retailers, which requires licensed lottery retailers to reimburse the lottery for lost or stolen tickets.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 67.70.040(1).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The current rule does not provide the director of the lottery discretion to waive reimbursement for lost or stolen tickets in any situation. This places a burden on retailers in light of the recent and significant increase in theft of lottery tickets. Potential amendments may grant discretion to the director in clearly defined situations.

Process for Developing New Rule: The lottery will use a collaborative rule-making process to develop the proposed rules. The lottery will post draft rules on its website and notify interested parties of the opportunity to provide informal comments. Staff will evaluate informal comments prior to proposing the rule for adoption. Formal comments will be taken in writing during the formal comment period and in person at the public hearing.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Kristi Weeks, P.O. Box 4300 [43000], Olympia, WA 98504-3000, phone 360-810-2881, fax 360-515-0416, email KWeeks@walottery.com, website www.walottery.com.

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