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You are receiving this notice because you commented on these proposed rule changes:

### **Notice of Permanent Rules for Hours of Play for Licensed Card Rooms.**

**This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Gambling Commission's adoption of Amended Section: WAC 230-15-025 Hours of play.**

The Administrative Procedure Act ([RCW 34.05.325\(6\)](#)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rule-making.

Once persons who gave comment during this rule-making process have had an opportunity to receive this document, the Washington State Gambling Commission will file the amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser.

The Washington State Gambling Commission appreciates your involvement in the rule-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Griffin, Assistant Director, at [Tina.Griffin@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Tina.Griffin@wsgc.wa.gov) or at (360) 486-3546.

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### **What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?**

A petitioner requested licensed card rooms to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The previous hours allowed were 24 hours a day, five days a week.

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**Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and consideration of the comments. The summaries below are from stakeholders who have commented either at Commission Meetings or emailed their comments/concerns to the Commission. Please note, the spelling of these names have not all been verified.**

**Dolores Chiechi, Executive Director of the Recreational Gaming Association:** These petitions will help licensees in one way or another. Over the many months, we have expressed that we are concerned about the upcoming expense increases. So we've asked our members what things will help you offset those expenses to keep your businesses open as the wage increases come into play after the November election. These rules won't help everybody, but they will help some, and so that's why we brought them forward. I'd like to point out on the hours of operation, it would allow for maximum flexibility of the business. If the business finds that they

can stay open those extra four hours, great. If it finds it's not worth it and they have too many expenses and they're not going to bring the people in, they won't do it. It keeps in place the approval of local law enforcement.

**George Teeny, Owner of the New Phoenix and Last Frontier:** Supports the rule change.

**Ian Riley, Owner of the Black Pearl Casino:** Supports the rule change.

**B.J. Garbe, CEO of Lake Bowl Inc.:** Supports the rule change.

**Dan Baker, Controller for Black Pearl Spokane:** Supports the rule change.

**Josh Herschlip from the Buzz Inn Steak House and Casino:** Supports the rule change.

**Mark Greene, owner of Lancer Lanes and Casino:** Supports the rule change.

**David Fretz, President - Great American Gaming Corporation:** Supports the rule change.

**WSGC Response:**

A Notice of Rulemaking was emailed to all commercial and nonprofit card room licensees on May 9, 2016, providing stakeholders with information on how to provide feedback on the proposed rule changes. The petition and proposed rule change have been posted on our website since early May 2016.

The proposed rule change was discussed with stakeholders at the informal Study Session in April, May, July and August 2016. The rule was formerly discussed at the May, July and August 2016 Commission meetings. The public was invited to provide testimony to the Commissioners on the rule proposal.

The Commissioners took into account all information through testimony and written comments in making their decision to proceed with this rule change.

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**If there are variances from the proposed rule and final adopted rule, state the reasons for the differences (RCW 34.05.325(6)(a)(ii)).**

There were no variances from the filing of the proposed rule and the final adopted rule.