



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

“Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest”

October 20, 2014

To: Class E & F Raffle Licensees

Subject: **NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW RAFFLE RULE - WAC 230-11-999 Pilot project allowing the use of electronic raffle systems to conduct 50/50 raffles.**

The Washington State Gambling Commission has entered into the initial stage of rule making for new rule WAC 230-11-999. (See attachment for a draft copy of the proposed new rule):

This new rule would authorize a pilot program to test the regulatory and economic impact of charitable/nonprofit licensees using electronic raffle systems to conduct 50/50 raffles. The pilot program will last 18 months and staff will report to the Commissioners on the results of the pilot program along with any recommendations. The proposed rule would also establish the system and operational requirements for using electronic raffle systems.

Commission staff may also propose an additional fee raffle licensees and manufacturers would be required to pay to participate in the pilot project. The fee would cover the commission's additional costs for conducting the pilot project.

Public Comment: Please submit your comments by **November 1, 2014.**

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We have tentatively scheduled the proposed rule change to be up for discussion and possible filing at the November 13 or 14, 2014, Commission meeting. The meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1620 74th Avenue SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501; phone (360) 352-0691. Visit our website about two weeks before the meeting to confirm meeting dates and start times. Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

For questions, please contact Susan Newer, Rules Coordinator, e-mail above or (360) 486-3466.