



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

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December 23, 2013

To: Commercial and non-profit pull-tab operators and distributors

Subject: **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**  
**Recording Pull-Tab Winner Information and Records Retention**

Currently, when punch board or pull-tab players win a prize of more than \$20 in cash or merchandise, operators must record the winner's name, date of birth, the current date and the employee's initials (WAC 230-14-110). Operators must also retain winning punches or pull-tabs over \$20 for three months (WAC 230-14-265(4)(b)(ii)).

**We have received a petition for a rule change from a licensed pull-tab operator requesting to increase the threshold for:**

- **Recording winner information from more than \$20 to more than \$50; and**
- **For storing winning punches or pull-tabs from over \$20 to over \$50 dollars.**

The proposed rule change will be Up for Discussion and Possible Filing at the January 16, 2014, Commission meeting. The Commission meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn, 1620 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Tumwater, WA 985012 (360) 352-0691.

Commission meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend. Please visit our website about one week before the meeting to confirm the date and time.

If you are unable to attend the meeting please send your written comments by **January 14, 2014** to:

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## **Amendatory Sections:**

### **WAC 230-14-110 Recording winners.**

When punch board or pull-tab players win more than ((~~twenty~~) fifty) dollars or merchandise prizes with a retail value over ((~~twenty~~) fifty) dollars, operators must make a record by:

- (1) Having winners print their name and date of birth, in ink, on the side of the winning punch or tab opposite the winning symbol(s) and verifying the winner's identity and recording the current date and initialing the winning punch or tab; or
- (2) Recording the required information on a sheet of paper at least three inches by five inches and stapling the winning tab or punch to the paper if the pull-tab or punch is constructed or printed so that recording the information required in a legible manner is not possible.

### **WAC 230-14-265 Retention requirements for punch boards and pull-tab series.**

(1) Punch board and pull-tab operators must keep all punch boards or pull-tab series removed from play, including, at least:

- (a) All prize flares; and
- (b) All unplayed tabs; and
- (c) All winning punches or tabs.

(2) Operators must make the items in subsection (1) of this section available on the licensed premises for us, local law enforcement, or local tax agencies to inspect.

(3) If stored off premises, operators must produce the game for inspection on demand.

(4) Operators must retain punch board or pull-tab series removed from play for:

(a) **Charitable or nonprofit operators** - Four months following the last day of the month in which the board or series was removed from play; and

(b) **Commercial operators** -

(i) Two months following the last day of the month in which they removed the board or series from play; and

(ii) Three months following the day they removed the board or series from play for winning punches or pull-tabs over ((~~twenty~~) fifty) dollars. Operators must also retain the flare for these games; and

(c) **Carry-over jackpot series** - For four months after the last day of the month in which the carry-over jackpot was won; and

(d) **Progressive pull-tab series** - For one year. After the retention period, operators must destroy unsold progressive pull-tab series tabs in such a way that no one may find and use unopened winning tabs later; and

(e) **Cumulative prize pool pull-tab games** - for four months, following the last day of the month, in which the last seal is opened on the cumulative prize pull-tab game board.