



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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

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Gambling Commission Helps Nonprofit Bingo Continue their Important Work

At their November 2014 meeting, the Commissioners adopted a rule change requested by two bingo licensees. This rule change will help 8 bingo licensees meet regulatory requirements while continuing their important charitable work in local communities.

Commission Chair Chris Stearns said he appreciates the contributions bingo licensees are making in the community. Chair Stearns said “Their work is making a difference and improving the lives of people in their charitable programs.”

Ric Newgard (bingo manager for Seattle Junior Hockey Association) and Clyde Bock (bingo manager for Leon Sullivan Health Care Center) thanked staff for their support and working with them on this rule change.

With this rule change, bingo licensees with annual gross gambling receipts over \$1.5 million dollars will no longer have to meet quarterly and yearly “cash flow” requirements. Instead, they will need to show a positive cash flow when submitting their annual financial statements to the Commission.

Bingo operators’ will spend less time completing paperwork. Commission staff will spend less time monitoring quarterly and annual adjusted cash flow requirements.

The Gambling Commission’s Mission:

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

The Gambling Commission is a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling regulation, licensing and enforcement. To learn more about what we do, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov.

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