



## Concise Explanatory Statement

### Notice of Permanent Rule Changes Related to Shared bingo facilities

This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Gambling Commission's amendments to:

- WAC 230-10-460 Shared bingo facilities.

The Administrative Procedure Act ([RCW 34.05.325\(6\)](#)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be sent to anyone who provided comments about the proposed rulemaking.

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. These changes will become effective on October 23, 2023.

The Washington State Gambling Commission appreciates your involvement in the rule-making process. If you have any questions, please contact the WSGC Rules Coordinator at [rules.coordinator@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:rules.coordinator@wsgc.wa.gov) or at (360) 486-3454.

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### What are the agency's reasons for adopting these rules?

The Washington State Gambling Commission staff initiated this rule-making process in order to bring the rules into line with recent amendments to the definition of "bingo" in RCW 9.46.0205. Previously, the law and the rule limited the operation of a bingo game to the county within which the organization is principally located. The amendment removed this limitation, allowing an organization to conduct bingo games in multiple counties as long as the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization is principally located in the state of Washington. The amended rule will eliminate the restriction on organizations to have their head office or principal location in the same county where they operate bingo.

### The Rule Development Process

The Commission introduced this rule proposal at the May 11-12, 2023 Commission meeting and filed the CR-101 with the code reviser on May 19, 2023. An amended rule was presented at the July 20-21, 2023 Commission meeting, and Commissioners agreed to file the amended rule for further discussion. Staff filed the CR-102 with the amended rule on August 1, 2023. The rule-making hearing on the proposed rule was held at the regular Commission meeting on September 14, 2023 where the Commission opened the floor to public comment. As is its practice, the Commission also welcomed public comments via email and through a webform on the Commission's website.

**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 are no variances from the proposed rules filed with the CR-102 and the final adopted rules.

**Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and Commission response to the comments**

There were no public comments received in writing or orally provided in defense of or against the petition.