



**Staff Proposed Rule Making  
Rule Amendment  
WAC 230-06-025 – Restrictions on firearms as prizes**

**May 2024 – Discussion and possible filing  
February 2024 – Initiate Rule Making**

Tab 10: May 2024 Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
<b>Who Proposed the Rule Change?</b>	
Washington State Gambling Commissioners	
<b>Background</b>	
<p>At the commission meeting on November 16, 2023, Commissioner Julia Patterson requested that the Gambling Commission evaluate WAC 230-06-025 (restrictions on firearms as prizes) to ensure the rule is in accordance with SHB 1240 (prohibiting manufacturing, importing, distributing, or selling assault weapons). Commissioners expressed concern that nonprofit and charitable organizations in Washington are able to award assault weapons as raffle prizes, which may conflict with SHB 1240 aiming to prevent the selling and manufacture of assault weapons in the State.</p> <p>Commissioners had further discussion on the topic at the January and February 2024 commission meetings.</p> <p>At the February 2024 meeting, Commissioners agreed to initiate rulemaking to change WAC 230-06-026 to ensure the law is in line with other state statutes and bring it more in line with how these raffles are actually being conducted in Washington State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit the certificate to be redeemable by a licensed firearm dealer to a Washington State dealer.</li> <li>• Limit the firearms that are available as prizes to only those firearms that are authorized for sale in Washington State. Amended language would clarify this point.</li> <li>• Prohibit persons who are not permitted to own firearms in Washington from winning a firearm in a raffle. Additional language to the rule is needed to ensure such prohibited individuals are not able to acquire a firearm as a raffle prize.</li> </ul> <p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAC 230-06-025</li> <li>• WAC 230-06-025 (revised)</li> </ul>	
<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	
Staff recommends filing the attached amended rule for further discussion.	

**WAC 230-06-025 Restrictions on firearms as prizes.** Only charitable or nonprofit organizations operating a raffle may award firearms, air guns, or other mechanical devices which are capable of discharging dangerous projectiles, including but not limited to, BB or CO<sub>2</sub> guns, rifles, shotguns, pistols or revolvers, or crossbows as a prize. If the prize awarded is restricted from transfer by state or federal law, the licensee must award the winner a certificate, redeemable by a licensed firearms dealer, for the prize offered.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 06-17-132 (Order 601), § 230-06-025, filed 8/22/06, effective 1/1/08.]

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