



## Concise Explanatory Statement

### Notice of New Rule Changes Related to Restrictions on Firearms as Prizes

This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Gambling Commission's new rule:

- WAC 230-06-025 Restrictions on firearms as prizes.

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 August 18, 2024.

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) 486-3473.

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

The Washington State Gambling Commission initiated rulemaking on restrictions on firearms as prizes in February 2024 after commissioners asked staff to review the above rule and ensure compliance with other state statutes. This rulemaking accomplishes this by making the following changes to WAC 230-06-025:

- Limits the certificate to be redeemable by a licensed firearm dealer to a Washington State dealer.
- Limits the firearms that are available as prizes to only those firearms that are authorized for sale in Washington State. Amended language would aim to clarify this point.
- Prohibits persons who are not permitted to own firearms in Washington from winning a firearm in a raffle. Additional language to the rule was added to ensure such prohibited individuals are not able to acquire a firearm as a raffle prize.

#### The Rule Development Process

This rule package was originally proposed by the Washington State Gambling Commission at the February 8, 2024, commission meeting and commissioners approved initial rulemaking on the same date. Staff filed the CR-101 with the code reviser on March 14, 2024. This rule was a topic of discussion at the May 9, 2024, Commission meeting where Commissioners approved filing the proposed new rule. The CR-102 reflecting the proposed new rule was filed with the code reviser on May 15, 2024. The rule-making hearing on the proposed rule was held at the Commission meeting on July 11, 2024, where the Commission allowed an opportunity for additional public

comment and gave final approval to the proposed rule changes. 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 rule and the final adopted rule.

**Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal.**

WSGC did not receive any public comments during the rule making process on this rule proposal.