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List rule number (WAC) if known: WAC 230-06-035

I am requesting the following change: Change #3 to: Gambling activity must be paid in full at the time the customer closes out their bill. Bills must be closed out before customers leave the licensed area. Gambling activity bills must not exceed \$200 without being closed out. Licensee must collect cash, check, gift certificates, gift cards, credit card, or electronic point of sale bank transfer.

This change is needed because: Credit cards have become a principal means of commerce for most people. They do not carry cash. Ten years ago, use of credit as a means of payment represented less than 5% of business. Today, use of credit cards represents well over 50% of our business. When an operator accepts a credit card, they are not loaning money to the cardholder; the operator is paid in full. People use credit cards instead of debit cards because of the fraud and theft protection the credit card companies offer on them. The same protections are not offered on most debit cards. Debit card payments are not able to be back-charged if there is a problem. Credit cards are a much more reliable means of payment than checks.

The effect of this rule change will be: It will allow customers to pay for pull tabs in the same manner they pay for their food, beverages and other goods.