

Minnesota Gambling Control Board

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Lawful Gambling, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapters 7861, 7863, 7864, and 7865; Revisor ID #R-04389

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Gambling Control Board requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing lawful gambling. The board is considering rule amendments governing lawful gambling based on 2015 changes to *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 349. The possible amendments primarily concern raffle boards, bingo boards, multiple chance games, and other lawful gambling provisions; and other changes that may come up that the board decides to address as time allows.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect licensed lawful gambling organizations, distributors of lawful gambling equipment, linked bingo game providers, and manufacturers of gambling equipment. Local units of government would most likely not be affected, and no ordinances will have to be adopted or amended to comply with the proposed rules.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 349.151, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), item (5), authorizes the board to make rules authorized by Chapter 349; *Minnesota Statutes*, section 349.151, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), item (20), authorizes the board to take all necessary steps to insure the integrity of and public confidence in lawful gambling; and *Minnesota Statutes*, section 349.151, subdivision 13, authorizes the board to adopt rules when necessary or proper in discharging the board's powers and duties.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the board intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The board will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. A Public Advisory Committee (PAC), consisting of representatives of licensed organizations, manufacturers, distributors, and other industry representatives, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Revenue, has met on three occasions to arrive at the draft rules amendments.

Rules Drafts. The board has drafted the possible rules amendments, which is available through the board's website at www.mn.gov/gcb or by contacting the board's contact person listed below.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Peggy Mancuso, Minnesota Gambling Control Board, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 300 South, Roseville MN 55113, peggy.mancuso@gcb.state.mn.us, office: (651) 539-1951, or fax: (651) 639-4032. TTY users may call the board at (651) 539-1950.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Note: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The board is required to submit to the judge only those

written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed. You may submit comments to the agency contact person or the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>.

Dated: February 18, 2016

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Minnesota Gambling Control Board