

Notice Number 2024-88

Rule Number Lot 7000

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Lottery Commission
14 Integra Drive
Concord, NH 03301**

2. RSA Authority: RSA 287-E:3

3. Federal Authority: _____

4. Type of Action:

Adoption _____

Repeal _____

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment X

5. Short Title: **Bingo Games**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

The Lottery Commission (Commission) is proposing to readopt with amendments Chapter Lot 7000 relative to Bingo. The Bingo rules specify the requirements for the manufacturing, distribution, and sale of bingo papers and supplies pursuant to RSA 287-E and ensure that the games are operated in a fair, honest, and secure manner that is auditable.

This rulemaking addresses changes made to the statute, implementing new procedures intended to streamline the licensing process, and making minor housekeeping edits to add clarity to existing requirements. Forms relating to commercial and host hall license applications have also been updated.

Specifically, the proposed changes include:

- **Updating the rules to reflect recent changes to the statute (RSA 287-E) including:**
 - **Chapter 174:3 of the Laws of 2021, effective 9-28-21, which amended the definition of a “charitable organization”; and**
 - **Chapter 139 of the Laws of 2023, effective 6-20-23, which increased the number of events a charitable organization could hold each month and the amount allowed for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses;**
- **Implementing a new eligibility determination process whereby an organization’s eligibility to participate in charitable gaming will be assessed. Once deemed eligible, the organization will then submit a request for game dates and the associated fees. This change is expected to cut down on paperwork and processing time;**
- **Creating new “Monthly Financial Report” (MFR) forms designed to reduce errors and improve data collection and analysis;**
- **Adding clarity, streamlining procedures, and removing duplication, such as:**
 - **Adding clarification relative to minimum internal control standards to help charities better understand and comply with these requirements;**
 - **Removing the duplicate submission of contracts between the consultants and the charitable organizations; and**
 - **Removing the requirement that house rules and internal controls be reviewed and approved by the Commission prior to the issuance of a license;**

- **Safeguarding the integrity of charitable gaming by, for example, prohibiting commercial (Bingo) hall owners and employees from becoming licensed as gaming consultants to circumvent the restriction relative to rent; and**
- **Incorporating standards and best practices recommended by the North American Gaming Regulators Association (NAGRA) to ensure gaming integrity.**

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

This rule affects individuals and entities holding licenses associated with the operation of Bingo events, including charitable organizations and gaming consultants, as well as manufacturers and distributors of Bingo papers and supplies.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Lot 7001	RSA 287-E:2; and RSA 287-E:3, XIV
Lot 7002	RSA 287-E:1; and RSA 287-E:3, XIV
Lot 7003	RSA 287-E:3, I-II-a; RSA 287-E:4; RSA 287-E:5; RSA 287-E:6; RSA 287-E:8-a; and RSA 287-E:15
Lot 7004	RSA 287-E:3, V, VII, XII-XIV, and XV; RSA 287-E:7; and RSA 287-E:13-a
Lot 7005	RSA 287-E:3, XII, IX and XV; and RSA 287-E:8-a
Lot 7006	RSA 287-E:3, V- XII and XV; RSA 287-E:7; and RSA 287-E:13-a
Lot 7007	RSA 287-E:3, XII and XV; and RSA 287-E:9
Lot 7008	RSA 287-E:3, IV, XV and XVI; RSA 287-E:14; RSA 287-E:14-a; and RSA 287-E:15
Lot 7009	RSA 287-E:3, XV

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **June 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM**

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Friday, June 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM**

Physical Location: **Lottery Headquarters, 14 Integra Drive, Concord, NH 03301**

Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 24:089 , dated 05/07/2024

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposal modifies an existing program or responsibility, but does not mandate any fees, duties, or expenditures on the political subdivisions of the state, and therefore does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the NH constitution.