

Draft Regulations

Draft Rules

An Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines (R.S.Q., c. L-6)

Bingo games — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Rules to amend the Bingo Rules, the text of which appears below, may be approved by the Minister of Public Security upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Rules propose to allow the awarding of a consolation prize of a maximum value value of \$150 at a bingo event.

The draft Rules propose to reduce by a half the minimum cost of additional sheets sold in groups of three, six or nine cards, that is, respectively, from “\$1, \$2 and \$3” to “\$0.50, \$1.00 and \$1.50”.

Finally, the draft Rules specify that the minimum price of paper for the “Bonanza” and “Do-it-yourself” games and other special turns also applies to all cards up to a maximum of three if the game requires more than one card.

The proposed amendments are intended to foster the development of the bingo market.

To date, study of the draft Rules have shown no negative impact on businesses, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the President and Director General of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec, 1281, boulevard Charest Ouest, Québec (Québec) G1N 2C9.

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Rules to amend the Bingo Rules(*)

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1. The Bingo Rules are amended by adding the following after the second paragraph in section 7: “Notwithstanding the foregoing, a consolation prize of a maximum value of \$150 may be won at each event.”.

2. Section 31 is amended

(1) by substituting the amounts “\$0.50, \$1.00 and \$1.50” for the amounts “\$1, \$2 and \$3” in the third paragraph;

(2) by inserting the following after the word “card” in the fourth paragraph: “or per set of cards, for a maximum of three cards if the game requires more than one card”.

3. These Rules come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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The Bingo Rules, approved by the Order of the Minister of Public Security dated 29 September 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 5116), were last amended by the Rules to amend the Bingo Rules, approved by the Order of the Minister of Public Security dated 14 January 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 347).