



Commonwealth of Virginia

Charitable Gaming Board

Game Variance Approval Process As Adopted on September 12, 2017

Pursuant to § [2.2-4002 \(24\)](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, it states that “any rules adopted by the Charitable Gaming Board for the approval and conduct of game variations for the conduct of raffles, bingo, network bingo, and instant bingo games, provided that such rules are (i) consistent with Article 1.1:1 (§ [18.2-340.15](#) et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 and (ii) published and posted” are exempted from the Administrative Process Act so long as the Board files such rules with the Registrar of Regulations.

As such, it is proposed that the Charitable Gaming Board will use the following process to consider any rules for approval and conduct of any game variations for the conduct of raffles, bingo, network bingo, and instant bingo games:

1. All requests for any game variations for the conduct of raffles, bingo, network bingo, and instant bingo games, which are to be considered by the Charitable Gaming Board must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on a form prescribed by the Department.
2. Upon request, the Office of the Attorney General will provide the Board with any legal analysis, on whether the request meets the provisions set forth in § 2.2-4002 (24) of the *Code of Virginia*.
3. Upon request, the Department will provide the Board with any operational or industry impact analysis on the request.
4. The Chair of the Game Variation Work Group will schedule a meeting, when appropriate, to discuss all submitted requests. The Chair will work with the Department to ensure meeting notification to the public meets the requirements under Virginia’s Freedom of Information Act.
5. The Department, on behalf of the Work Group, will inform individuals, who had submitted the request that if they wish to do so, may be present as the Work Group takes it up for consideration.
6. The Work Group may amend, approve, reject or defer action on any request for game variations.
7. The Work Group will present their recommendations and rationale for action to the full Board, who will render a final decision on the matter.