



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Matthew J. Lohr  
Commissioner

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Division of Consumer Protection  
Office of Charitable Gaming

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Dear Charitable Gaming Stakeholder:

The purpose of this correspondence is to invite you to review and provide us with your comments on a proposed charitable gaming regulation. Your comments are essential to the promulgation of fair and practical regulations that provide reasonable oversight of the charitable gaming industry while promoting professionalism in the industry and assisting charitable organizations in maximizing their fundraising efforts. Please note that the public comment period runs from **November 7, 2011 through January 6, 2012.**

The current public comment period is a component of the second part of a three-part process. The first part started in November 2010, when the Office of Charitable Gaming advised you that we were considering consolidating the two current regulations, 11 VAC 15-22, *Charitable Gaming Rules and Regulations*, and 11 VAC 15-31, *Supplier Regulations*, into a single regulation that also establishes guidelines regarding electronic pull-tabs. To draft the proposed regulation, we conducted an internal review of the current regulations and enlisted the assistance of a working group that helped us draft the technical requirements for electronic pull-tabs.

The proposed regulation is available on our website, [www.vdacs.virginia.gov/gaming](http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/gaming), or on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at [www.townhall.virginia.gov](http://www.townhall.virginia.gov). In order to submit comments you will need to do so via the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Under the "Public Comment Forums" heading on the Regulatory Town Hall, select "Open Comment Forums," look for the tab for "Secretariat – Agriculture and Forestry," and choose *Charitable Gaming Regulations* [11VAC 15-40]. After selecting "View and Enter Comments," you may review the text of the proposed regulation by selecting "View the regulatory documents."

You are also invited to attend a public hearing on the proposed regulation on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. The public hearing will be held at the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 102 Governor Street, in Richmond, Virginia.

We will review and evaluate the comments received during the public comment period and during the public hearing, and will incorporate the appropriate revisions into the final regulation. Once the Charitable Gaming Board adopts the final regulation, we will begin the third and final stage of the regulatory process. The regulation will then undergo the requisite executive branch review prior to publication in the Virginia Register of Regulations. Upon publication, a 30-day final adoption period will begin, during which you will be able to offer comments before the final regulation becomes effective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Williams".

Erin Williams  
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