

Notice

June 1, 2024

Lottery and Raffle Changes

LB 1204, which was passed in the 2024 Nebraska Legislature, increased the thresholds on lotteries and raffles required to be licensed to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) each. This law becomes effective July 18, 2024. Please review previous tax filings for your lottery and raffle activity. If the total gross proceeds do not exceed the fifteen-thousand-dollar threshold, licenses will no longer be required.

Neb. Rev. Stat § 9-402(3) of the Nebraska Lottery/Raffle Act now states:

The Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall apply to all lotteries and raffles with gross proceeds in excess of fifteen thousand dollars...

In addition, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 9-429 of the Nebraska Lottery/Raffle Act now states:

Any licensed organization or any other organization or person conducting a lottery or raffle activity required to be licensed pursuant to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act shall pay to the department a tax of two percent of the gross proceeds of each lottery or raffle having gross proceeds of more than fifteen thousand dollars. Such tax shall be remitted annually by September 30 of each year...

Therefore, effective October 1, 2024, the Nebraska Lottery/Raffle Tax Returns, Forms 51, will no longer be mailed quarterly. The Forms 51 will be mailed out annually and will cover the reporting period October 1 through September 30 of each fiscal year. The forms will be mailed out approximately September 1 of each year. The Forms 51 will also be available on our online portal after October 1 of each year. If you would like to file a tax return for an additional quarter to report lottery/raffle activity, please contact Carri Fitzgerald at 402-471-5949.

Neb. Rev. Stat § 9-502 the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act still applies to qualifying non-profit organizations wishing to conduct lotteries and raffles with proceeds of less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) each.

Sweepstakes and Other Gift Enterprises

It has recently come to the attention of the Charitable Gaming Division that there are nonprofit organizations conducting sweepstakes as fundraising activities. The statutes governing gift enterprises specifically prohibit nonprofit organizations from conducting any type of gift enterprise. Please refer to the Conduct of Gift Enterprises statutes that are available on our website at revenue.nebraska.gov/gaming or contact Carri Fitzgerald at 402-471-5949.