

Regulatory Analysis

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 481—Chapter 103
“Bingo”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 99B.2
State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: Iowa Code chapter 99B and Executive Order 10

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

March 12, 2026	Ledges Conference Room
2 p.m.	6200 Park Avenue
	Des Moines, Iowa

Virtual participation information will be available on the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing website prior to the public hearing.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking rescinds numbered paragraph “3” of rule 481—103.9(99B). Iowa Code section 99B.2 provides that the Department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 99B pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A.

This proposed rulemaking implements Iowa Code section 99B.2 in accordance with the goals and directives of Executive Order 10 by rescinding a restriction that excessively limits the location where bingo occasions can be held.

Analysis of Impact

- 1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:**
 - Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**
Members of the industry will bear the costs of this rulemaking by paying the cost for a bingo location. This cost is part of the normal operational costs for a bingo occasion.
 - Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:**
Members of the industry will benefit from the proposed rulemaking because restrictions on bingo locations will be rescinded.
- 2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**

- **Quantitative description of impact:**

The costs associated with the proposed rulemaking are related to securing a bingo location and are not directly incurred due to the rulemaking. The cost is difficult to quantify and will vary based on the location.

- **Qualitative description of impact:**

The proposed rulemaking gives qualified organizations more options when finding a location for a bingo occasion.

3. **Costs to the State:**

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

There are no costs to the State from this proposed rulemaking.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There is no anticipated effect on State revenues.

4. **Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:**

There are no specific financial costs to implement or enforce this rulemaking. The benefits are as set forth above.

5. **Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:**

As described above, there are no substantive changes proposed in this rulemaking affecting costs.

6. **Alternative methods considered by the agency:**

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

See response to section “5” above.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

See response to section “5” above.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.

- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking’s compliance or reporting requirements for small business.

- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.

- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no substantial impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Amend rule 481—103.9(99B) as follows:

481—103.9(99B) Location. Bingo occasions may be conducted on premises as provided in Iowa Code section 99B.13 and shall meet the following criteria:

1. All buildings in which bingo occasions are conducted will meet state or local standards for occupancy and safety.

2. The name of the licensee will be posted on the sign of each building or location where bingo occasions are held. A name that is closely associated with the licensee and clearly identifies the lawful uses of the proceeds may also be used. Generic names, such as “Nelson Street Bingo” or “Uncle Bob’s Bingo,” will not be used.

~~3. During a bingo occasion, the lessor will not sell any beverage, food, or other merchandise in the room in which bingo is played.~~

~~4. Only one licensed qualified organization may conduct bingo occasions within the same structure or building.~~

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