

ASSEMBLY, No. 3270

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Directs State Lottery Commission to permit lottery player to submit and validate lottery claims of \$600 or more via Internet, mobile application, or other electronic means.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the validation of lottery tickets and
2 supplementing P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 “Mobile application” means an application designed to be
9 downloaded onto and used in conjunction with a mobile electronic
10 communication device, as defined herein, and available through
11 multiple software platforms.

12 “Mobile electronic communication device” means any mobile
13 device capable of communication or other transmission of
14 information and includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone,
15 wireless tablet, or other device with Internet capability, or other
16 wireless communication device.

17 b. The State Lottery Commission, in consultation with the State
18 Treasurer, shall implement a program that allows residents of this
19 State to submit a lottery claim form and validate a lottery claim for
20 a winning ticket or prize of \$600 or more using the Internet, a
21 mobile application, or any other electronic means deemed
22 appropriate by the commission. The mobile application shall allow
23 for the validation of lottery tickets by persons using operating
24 systems approved by the commission, including, but not limited to,
25 the iOS and Android operating systems. The commission shall
26 establish procedures for the payment of winnings to winning ticket
27 holders, which may include crediting amounts won to a player’s
28 Internet or mobile application account or direct deposit into a
29 player’s account at a financial institution.

30 The commission may use employees of the Division of the State
31 Lottery to establish and operate the Internet site or mobile
32 application, or the commission may contract with one or more
33 qualified vendors to establish and operate the program. Any
34 payments to a vendor shall be deemed to be an expense of the
35 division in its operation of the lottery. The commission shall ensure
36 that the program includes security measures that are sufficient to
37 protect against fraud, prevent underage persons from submitting and
38 validating a claim, and protect the personal and financial
39 information of players. The program shall be implemented in a way
40 that is consistent with any applicable federal laws and any
41 agreements addressing this State’s participation in multi-state
42 lotteries.

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44 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill provides for the submission of a lottery claim form and validation of certain lottery claims via the Internet, a mobile application, or other electronic means.

Currently, payment of lottery prizes not to exceed \$599 are redeemed directly from the retailer. However, lottery prizes of \$600 or more require the completion of a New Jersey Lottery Claim Form, which has to be mailed or delivered to the State Lottery headquarters.

The bill directs the State Lottery Commission to implement a program that allows residents of this State to submit a lottery claim form and validate a lottery claim for a winning ticket or prize of \$600 or more using the Internet, a mobile application, or any other electronic means deemed appropriate by the commission. Under the bill, the mobile application would allow for the validation of lottery tickets by persons using operating systems approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, the iOS and Android operating systems. The commission is also required to establish procedures for the payment of winnings to winning ticket holders, which may include crediting amounts won to a player's Internet or mobile application account or direct deposit into a player's account at a financial institution.

In addition to mail or hand-delivery of a lottery claim form, this bill provides lottery players with an electronic option to validate certain winning tickets or prizes.