

SENATE, No. 2159

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits internet sale of lottery tickets by State Lottery Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT prohibiting the State Lottery Commission from selling
2 lottery tickets via the internet and supplementing Title 5 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or
9 regulation to the contrary, no lottery or type of lottery or lottery
10 game shall be permitted to be sold via the internet by the State
11 Lottery Commission, any entity of the State Lottery Commission, or
12 any entity contracted by the State Lottery Commission.

13 b. The State Lottery Commission shall not name itself, any
14 entity of the State Lottery Commission, or any entity contracted by
15 the State Lottery Commission as a lottery sales agent pursuant to
16 the “State Lottery Law,” P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-1 et seq.).

17 c. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the sale of lottery tickets via
18 the internet by a duly licensed courier service as set forth in section
19 1 of P.L.2017, c.11 (C.5:9-14.3).

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 On September 19, 2022, a rule proposal was published by the
27 State Lottery Commission to allow the Division of State Lottery to
28 directly sell tickets to consumers in New Jersey through its Internet
29 website and mobile applications. This proposal has been adopted
30 and internet sales by the State Lottery Commission are scheduled to
31 begin in the fall of 2024.

32 This bill prohibits the State Lottery Commission, any entity of
33 the State Lottery Commission, or any entity contracted by the State
34 Lottery Commission from directly selling lottery tickets via the
35 Internet. This bill does not affect the rights of registered courier
36 services from selling lottery tickets via the internet.