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Subject: Internet Lottery Ticket Purchases	

LOTTERIES OR INCREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for the purchase of certain lottery tickets via the internet. (2/3 - CA12s6(a)(2)) (8/1/26)

Current law authorizes the Louisiana Lottery Corporation (LLC) to conduct lottery games and requires the transfer of not less than twenty-five percent of gross revenues to the state treasury each year. Current law also defines and prohibits gambling and gambling by computer but does not include exceptions for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet.

Proposed law authorizes the LLC to permit the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet ("iLottery") and requires the LLC to adopt rules, including age verification methods to restrict purchases to individuals over twenty-one and location verification methods to restrict purchases to individuals physically located within Louisiana.

Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The LLC reports that it will realize direct costs for the internet lottery, expected to be on a fixed percentage basis paid annually and include prize payouts, systems for age verification software, "know your customer" authentications, geo-fencing software, digital payment platforms, and game content and website software. These represent the fixed costs for implementing and administering a new lottery platform, plus payouts, and are estimated at roughly \$22 M annually. Costs in the table are reflected as Increase beginning in FY 27 and are represented as "Other Funds."

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law authorizes the Louisiana Lottery Corporation (LLC) to implement, administer, and regulate the purchase of lottery tickets over the internet ("iLottery"). Under this proposal, the LLC would be required to transfer no less than 25% of the gross revenues from internet lottery sales to the state treasury, consistent with current law governing traditional lottery operations. LLC intends to offer draw games including Lotto, Easy 5, Pick 3, Pick 4, Pick 5, Powerball, and Mega Millions, as well as electronic instant win tickets ("einstants") over the internet.

LLC projects that net revenue from these games transferred to the state treasury will be roughly \$8 M per year (\$30 M in gross revenue less about \$22 M per year in costs) once the system becomes operational. LLC estimates transfers to the state of \$7.5 M in Year 1, \$7.9 M in Year 2, \$8.3 M in Year 3, \$8.8 M in Year 4 and \$9.3 M in Year 5. This estimate is based on projections from other states with iLottery programs. While sales vary depending on population and other factors, this projection reflects a cautious approach to anticipated performance in Louisiana. **Typically, the revenue forecast does not incorporate gaming winnings until the mechanisms to receive those winnings are operational. It is expected that once funds begin to flow to the state, they will be incorporated into the forecast of available funds, which is why these figures are not included in the table above and are speculative as to the timing of fiscal year impacts.**

Similarly to other lottery transfers, these funds will be dedicated to education through the Lottery Proceeds Fund (less \$500,000 to Compulsive Gaming Fund), which feeds into the Minimum Foundation Program.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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