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2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 157

BY SENATOR FOIL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LOTTERIES. Provides for the purchase of certain lottery tickets through the internet. (2/3-CA12s6(A)(2)) (8/1/23)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9008(A)(9) and to enact R.S. 14:90(F) and 90.3(L) and R.S.
3	47:9008(B), relative to the lottery; to provide relative to the purchase of lottery
4	tickets; to provide for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet; to provide
5	for the duties and regulations of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 14:90(F) and 90.3(L) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§90. Gambling
10	* * *
11	F. The purchase of lottery tickets through the internet, as provided in
12	<b>R.S. 47:9008, shall not be considered gambling for the purposes of this Section.</b>
13	* * *
14	§90.3. Gambling by computer
15	* * *
16	L. The purchase of lottery tickets through the internet, as provided in
17	R.S. 47:9008, shall not be considered gambling by computer for the purposes of

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1	this Section.
2	Section 2. R.S. 47:9008(A)(9) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:9008(B)
3	is hereby enacted to read as follows:
4	§9008. Board; lottery games; regulation
5	A. The board may adopt rules for the conduct of specific lottery games and
6	operations, including but not limited to rules specifying:
7	* * *
8	(9) Any other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective
9	operation of the lottery or for the convenience of the public, including the purchase
10	of lottery tickets through the internet.
11	<b>B.</b> The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative
12	Procedure Act to implement, administer, and regulate the purchase of lottery
13	tickets through the internet, including but not limited to the following:
14	(1) Limiting the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet to games
15	that are only offered for sale through ticket-generating terminals at licensed
16	lottery retailer locations.
17	(2) Requiring age verification methods that prohibit persons under the
18	age of twenty-one from purchasing lottery tickets through the internet.
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Present law provides for the crimes of gambling and gambling by computer.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds an exception to the <u>present law</u> crimes for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the board of directors for the La. Lottery Corp. to adopt rules for the conduct of specific lottery games and operations, including matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective operation of the lottery or the convenience of the public.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to provide that the board may adopt rules for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet.

Proposed law further requires the board to adopt rules to implement, administer, and regulate

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- (1) Limiting the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet to games that are only offered for sale through ticket-generating terminals at licensed lottery retailer locations.
- (2) Requiring age verification methods that prohibit persons under the age of 21 from purchasing lottery tickets through the internet.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 47:9008(A)(9); adds R.S. 14:90(F) and 90.3(L) and R.S. 47:9008(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Adds requirement that the Lottery Board adopt rules to limit the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet to games that are only offered for sale through ticket-generating terminals at licensed lottery retailer locations, and to require age verification methods that prohibit persons under the age of 21 from purchasing lottery tickets through the internet.