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

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

Present law 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.

Proposed law amends present law 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 the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet, including but not limited to the following:

(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.