

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 228

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

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

LOTTERY: Provides for the purchase of certain lottery tickets through the internet

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9008(A)(9) and 9029(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 14:90(F) and  
3 90.3(L) and R.S. 47:9002(31) and (32) and 9008(B), relative to the lottery; to  
4 provide relative to the purchase of lottery tickets; to provide for the purchase of  
5 lottery tickets through the internet; to provide for the duties and regulations of the  
6 Louisiana Lottery Corporation; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 14:90(F) and 90.3(L) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §90. Gambling

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12 F. The purchase of lottery tickets through the internet, as provided in R.S.  
13 47:9008, shall not be considered gambling for the purposes of this Section.

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15 §90.3. Gambling by computer

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17 L. The purchase of lottery tickets through the internet, as provided in R.S.  
18 47:9008, shall not be considered gambling by computer for the purposes of this  
19 Section.

1 Section 2. R.S. 47:9008(A)(9) and 9029(A)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted  
2 and 9002(31) and (32) and 9008(B) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

3 §9002. Definitions

4 As used in this Subtitle, the following words and phrases shall have the  
5 following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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7 (31) "I lottery" means the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet.

8 (32) "I lottery gross revenues" means the amount equal to the gross revenue  
9 of all purchases of lottery tickets through the internet in which the player may  
10 determine instantly if the ticket is a winning ticket less the total amount of all  
11 winnings paid out to holders of winning lottery tickets purchased through the  
12 internet.

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14 §9008. Board; lottery games; regulation

15 A. The board may adopt rules for the conduct of specific lottery games and  
16 operations, including but not limited to rules specifying:

17 \* \* \*

18 (9) Any other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective  
19 operation of the lottery or for the convenience of the public, including the purchase  
20 of lottery tickets through the internet.

21 B. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative  
22 Procedure Act to implement, administer, and regulate the purchase of lottery tickets  
23 through the internet, including but not limited to the following:

24 (1) Requiring age verification methods that prohibit persons under the age  
25 of twenty-one from purchasing lottery tickets through the internet.

26 (2) Requiring location verification methods that restrict the purchase of  
27 lottery tickets through the internet to individuals physically located within the state  
28 of Louisiana.

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1 §9029. Deposit of revenues; expenditures and investments authorized; transfer of  
2 revenues to state treasury; dedication and use of proceeds; corporation  
3 operating account; audit of corporation books and records; audits

4 \* \* \*

5 A.

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7 (3) Within twenty days following the close of each calendar month, the  
8 corporation shall transfer to the Lottery Proceeds Fund in the state treasury the  
9 amount of net revenues which the corporation determines are surplus to its needs.

10 Net revenues or proceeds shall be determined by deducting from gross revenues the  
11 payment costs incurred or estimated to be incurred in the operation and  
12 administration of the lottery. This shall include the expenses of the corporation and  
13 the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional,  
14 advertising, or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment  
15 and materials, fixed capital outlays, and the payment of prizes to the holders of  
16 winning tickets. After the first year of operation the corporation shall transfer each  
17 year not less than twenty-five percent of gross revenues and I lottery gross revenues  
18 to the state treasury.

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20 Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to  
21 renumber the definitions in R.S. 47:9002 to ensure the definitions are in alphabetical order.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet and requires the board of directors for the La. Lottery Corp. to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement, administer, and regulate such purchases.

Present law provides for the crimes of gambling (R.S. 14:90) and gambling by computer (R.S. 14:90.3).

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 for 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 provides that the board shall adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, rules to administer and regulate the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet, including requiring age and location verification methods.

Present law provides that at the end of each year, the lottery corporation shall transfer 25% of lottery revenue to the state treasury.

Proposed law provides that the lottery corporation shall transfer 25% of lottery and online lottery revenue to the state treasury.

(Amends R.S. 47:9008(A)(9) and 9029(A)(3); Adds R.S. 14:90(F) and 90.3(L) and R.S. 47:9002(31) and (32) and 9008(B))