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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))