

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 401

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

LOTTERY: Provides relative to the purchase of lottery tickets

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9008(A)(9) and to enact R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K) 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(E) and 90.3(K) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §90. Gambling

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

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14 §90.3. Gambling by computer

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

1 Section 2. R.S. 47:9008(A)(9) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:9008(B)
2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

3 §9008. Board; lottery games; regulation

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

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

10 B. The board shall adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, all
11 rules and regulations necessary to implement, administer, and regulate the purchase
12 of lottery tickets through the internet.

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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 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, pursuant to present law (the Administrative Procedure Act), all rules and regulations necessary to implement, administer, and regulate the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet.

(Amends R.S. 47:9008(A)(9); Adds R.S. 14:90(E) and 90.3(K) and R.S. 47:9008(B))