

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 119

BY SENATOR TALBOT

LOTTERIES. Provides for the purchase of certain lottery tickets via the internet. (2/3 - CA12s6(a)(2)) (8/1/26)

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 47:9002(31) and 9008(B), relative to the lottery; to provide relative to the purchase  
4 of lottery tickets; to provide for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet;  
5 to provide for the duties and regulations of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation; to  
6 provide for definitions; and to provide 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

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

13 \* \* \*

14 §90.3. Gambling by computer

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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**

1           **this Section.**

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

4           §9002. Definitions

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

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8                     **(31) "I lottery" means the purchase of lottery tickets through the**  
9           **internet.**

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11           §9008. Board; lottery games; regulation

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

14                                    \*       \*       \*

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

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

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

23                     **(2) Requiring location verification methods that restrict the purchase of**  
24           **lottery tickets through the internet to individuals physically located within the**  
25           **state of Louisiana.**

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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DIGEST

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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 for the convenience of the public.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize the board to adopt rules for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet.

Proposed law further requires the board to adopt rules to administer and regulate the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet, including requiring age and location verification methods, pursuant to the APA.

Effective August 1, 2026.

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