

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 643

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

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

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§90. Gambling

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

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§90.3. Gambling by computer

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

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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 this state  
28 of Louisiana.

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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 require the board to adopt rules for the purchase of lottery tickets through the internet.

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

Present law requires the La. Lottery Corp. to transfer 25% of lottery revenue to the state treasury at the end of each year.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires the La. Lottery Corp. to annually transfer 25% of 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))