

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1074

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

LOTTERY: Provides relative to the sale and order of lottery tickets through lottery courier services

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:9008(A)(8) and to enact R.S. 14:90(F) and 90.3(L) and R.S.  
3 47:9001(C), 9002(31), 9008(B) and (D), and 9054(A)(9), relative to the lottery; to  
4 provide relative to the ordering of lottery tickets; to provide for the ordering of  
5 lottery tickets through authorized lottery courier services over the internet; to provide  
6 for the oversight by the Louisiana Lottery Corporation of licensed lottery retailers  
7 who contract with courier services; and to provide for related 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 authorization and operation of a lottery courier service, as provided  
13 in R.S. 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. Ordering lottery tickets through a lottery courier service via the Internet,  
18 as provided in R.S. 47:9008, shall not be considered gambling by computer for the  
19 purposes of this Section. Fulfillment of lottery courier service orders via the  
20 Internet, as provided in R.S. 47:9008, shall also not be considered gambling by  
21 computer for the purposes of this Section.

1 Section 2. R.S. 47:9008(A)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
2 47:9001(C), 9002(31), 9008(B) and (D), and 9054(A)(9) are hereby enacted to read as  
3 follows:

4 §9001. Statement of purpose and intent

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6 C. The legislature finds that operating a lottery in a manner that maximizes  
7 revenue from lottery games, while operating with integrity and dignity, serves the  
8 best interests of the state.

9 §9002. Definitions

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11 (31) "Courier service" means a person or organization that purchases and  
12 stores a lottery ticket on behalf of a customer located in this state and delivers the  
13 lottery ticket, or the prize from the lottery ticket, to the customer in this state as a for-  
14 profit service.

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16 §9008. Board; lottery games; regulation

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

19 \* \* \*

20 (8) The manner and amount of compensation to lottery retailers, ~~except all~~  
21 ~~compensation shall be uniform.~~

22 (a) The board shall establish a base retailer commission for retail sales at five  
23 percent of gross sales.

24 (b) The board shall review and adjust the base retailer commission amount  
25 to apply for the twelve-month period commencing on July first, or on another date  
26 within the year in which the adjustment is made. In the review, the base retailer  
27 commission shall be revised upward at least one-quarter percent for each eight  
28 million dollar increase in gross sales over the prior fiscal year. Base retailer

1 commissions shall not be lowered pursuant to this Subparagraph and shall not exceed  
2 a maximum of seven percent for base commission for retail sales.

3 (c) Sales by licensed retailers to lottery couriers to fulfill customer orders in  
4 this state shall be subject to a base retailer commission of one percent lower than the  
5 base commission awarded for general lottery ticket sales. That remaining one  
6 percent shall be reserved for the benefit of retailers who do not participate in courier  
7 sales, and allocated in accordance with this Section.

8 (i) No less than once every three months, the board shall evaluate the  
9 proportionate sales of retail lottery sales that exclude fulfillment of lottery courier  
10 orders.

11 (ii) The board shall calculate each licensed retailer's proportionate share of  
12 lottery retail sales that exclude fulfillment of lottery courier orders.

13 (iii) The board shall divide the one percent retained base retailer commission  
14 for lottery courier sales on a pro rata basis and distribute the funds representing the  
15 retained one percent commission among licensed retailers that do not participate in  
16 fulfillment of lottery courier orders.

17 (d) The board shall further adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative  
18 Procedure Act that allow for additional selling bonuses, cash incentives, and  
19 promotional incentives for retailers as may be necessary to ensure a robust and  
20 effective retailer base for lottery sales within the state.

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22 B. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative  
23 Procedure Act to regulate licensed lottery retailers that sell tickets to a courier  
24 service to fulfill an order for lottery tickets placed by a courier service customer in  
25 this state. The rules shall authorize a courier service to fulfill orders for lottery  
26 tickets placed by adult customers located within this state pursuant to the terms set  
27 forth in this Section. The rules adopted pursuant to this provision shall include but  
28 not be limited to the following:

1           (1) A licensed retailer that seeks to sell lottery tickets to a courier service in  
2           this state shall do so through a written agreement between the courier service and the  
3           licensed retailer.

4           (2) The licensed retailer shall disclose the existence and substance of a  
5           written agreement between the licensed retailer and the courier service within five  
6           business days of the execution of such agreement.

7           (3) A written agreement between a licensed retailer and a courier service to  
8           fulfill courier service orders for the sale of lottery tickets shall contain the following  
9           terms:

10           (a) A requirement that a courier service may only accept orders from a  
11           customer for draw and scratch games that are also available for sale at licensed retail  
12           locations.

13           (b) A requirement that a courier service deliver scanned images of lottery  
14           tickets ordered through the courier service to ordering customers.

15           (c) A requirement that a courier service only accept a lottery ticket order  
16           from a customer who has been determined to be physically located within this state  
17           and not on federally recognized tribal grounds at the time of the customer order.

18           (d) A requirement that a courier service employ effective age verification  
19           software that allows a customer who is of lawful age to purchase a lottery ticket  
20           pursuant to R.S. 47:9070 to order a lottery ticket through the courier service.

21           (e) A requirement that a courier service securely store a lottery ticket  
22           purchased on behalf of a customer until the prize for the ticket is redeemed at retail  
23           by the courier service, or until the lottery ticket retrieved by or delivered to the  
24           customer for the customer to redeem the prize through the corporation.

25           (f) A requirement that a courier service maintain appropriate controls for  
26           responsible play, including the use of daily, weekly, or monthly limits that may be  
27           reduced by the customer, as well as self-exclusion capabilities. The agreement shall  
28           also require advertisements and communications from the courier service to comply  
29           with applicable responsible gaming advertising guidelines.



1 §9054. Content of retailer contracts; contract cancellation by president

2 A. Any contract executed by the corporation pursuant to this Subtitle shall  
3 specify the reasons for which any contract may be cancelled, suspended, revoked,  
4 or terminated by the corporation, which reasons shall include but not be limited to:

5 \* \* \*

6 (9) Failure by a retailer to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by  
7 the corporation relating to sales of tickets to lottery couriers.

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9 Section 3. Beginning March 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the board shall review  
10 and adjust the base retailer commission as required by R.S. 47:9008(A)(8)(b), as enacted by  
11 Section 1 of this Act.

12 Section 4. Within ninety days of the effective date of R.S. 47:9008(D), and annually  
13 thereafter, the corporation shall provide the board with the report described in R.S.  
14 47:9008(D), as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

15 Section 5. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to  
16 renumber the new entry of R.S. 47:9002(31), as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to ensure  
17 that definitions are listed in alphabetical order.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the sale of lottery tickets through lottery couriers.

Present law provides for the crimes of gambling and gambling by computer.

Proposed law provides that the authorization, operation, ordering, and fulfillment of lottery tickets through a lottery courier service over the internet is not gambling or gambling by computer.

Proposed law defines "courier service".

Present law authorizes the board of directors of the La. Lottery Corporation (the board) to adopt rules in accordance with the APA for the conduct of specific lottery games and operations.

Proposed law requires the board to establish base retailer commissions for retail sales at 5% of gross sales, and requires the board to review and adjust the base commission annually.

Proposed law requires the board to allocate 1% of the base commission for the benefit of retailers who do not participate in courier sales.

Proposed law requires the board to adopt certain rules in accordance with the APA to regulate lottery couriers, including requiring a written agreement between the courier and retailer and disclosure of the written agreement.

Proposed law requires the following to be included in the agreement between the courier and retailer:

- (1) That the courier only accept orders for tickets that are available at retail locations.
- (2) That the courier deliver scanned images of tickets to ordering customers.
- (3) That the courier only accept orders from customers physically located in the state of La.
- (4) That the courier use age verification software.
- (5) That the courier securely store purchased tickets for the customer until the ticket is redeemed or retrieved by the customer.
- (6) That the courier maintain controls to mitigate compulsive gaming.
- (7) That the courier only purchase tickets at a dedicated terminal.
- (8) That the courier use methods of payment that are available at retail locations.
- (9) That the courier may charge a service fee to the customer if the fee is distinct from the price of the ticket.
- (10) That the courier annually obtain an audit report from a nationally recognized firm and provide the report to the retailer upon request.

Proposed law requires the board to regularly review and update its processes related to certain lottery tickets.

Proposed law provides that failure by a retailer to comply with rules and regulations may result in termination of the agreement.

(Amends R.S. 47:9008(A)(8); Adds R.S. 14:90(F) and 90.3(L) and R.S. 47:9001(C), 9002(31), 9008(B) and (D), and 9054(A)(9))