

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled
2 "An act providing for a State Lottery and administration
3 thereof; authorizing the creation of a State Lottery
4 Commission; prescribing its powers and duties; disposition of
5 funds; violations and penalties therefor; exemption of prizes
6 from State and local taxation and making an appropriation,"
7 in State Lottery, further providing for definitions and for
8 disposition of funds and providing for a compulsive and
9 problem gambling program.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 302 of the act of August 26, 1971
13 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, is amended by
14 adding definitions to read:

15 Section 302. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund." The fund
20 established under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1509 (relating to compulsive and
21 problem gambling program).

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2 "Lottery terminal." A device installed at a retail location
3 by the lottery for the purpose of selling and validating online
4 and instant tickets, performing inventory functions, generating
5 informational accounting reports and performing other functions
6 at the discretion of the lottery.

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8 Section 2. Section 311(b) of the act is amended to read:
9 Section 311. Disposition of funds.

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11 (b) Appropriations.--The moneys in said State Lottery Fund
12 shall be appropriated only:

13 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning
14 lottery tickets or shares.

15 (2) For the expenses of the division in its operation of
16 the lottery.

17 (3) For property tax relief and free or reduced fare
18 transit service for the elderly as provided under subsection
19 (a).

20 (4) For the compulsive and problem gambling program
21 under section 316.

22 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
23 Section 316. Compulsive and problem gambling program.

24 (a) Transfer for compulsive and problem gambling
25 treatment.--Beginning July 1, 2018, and each fiscal year
26 thereafter, the sum of \$1,000,000 shall be transferred from the
27 State Lottery Fund into the Compulsive and Problem Gambling
28 Treatment Fund.

29 (b) Establishment of program.--The Department of Drug and
30 Alcohol Programs, in consultation with the secretary, shall

1 develop program guidelines for public education, awareness and
2 training regarding compulsive and problem gambling and the
3 treatment and prevention of compulsive and problem gambling
4 specifically regarding play of the lottery. The program shall
5 supplement and be complementary to the existing program under 4
6 Pa.C.S. § 1509 (relating to compulsive and problem gambling
7 program).

8 (c) Notice of assistance.--The secretary shall obtain from
9 the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs a compulsive
10 gamblers assistance organization's toll-free problem gambling
11 telephone number maintained by the Department of Drug and
12 Alcohol Programs. The secretary shall require a statement
13 advertising the toll-free telephone number to be conspicuously
14 displayed:

15 (1) On the front of lottery tickets.

16 (2) On one or more signs located near the point of sale
17 of lottery tickets sold by lottery sales agents.

18 (3) On lottery terminals.

19 (4) On merchandising or promotional items for the
20 lottery.

21 (5) On advertisements for the lottery. In the case of
22 radio advertisements, the statement shall be audible.

23 (6) On the lottery's publicly accessible Internet
24 website or other social media outlet.

25 (7) During the televised drawing of lottery numbers.

26 (d) Statement.--The statement required to be displayed under
27 subsection (c) shall be:

28 If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help
29 is available. Call (toll-free telephone number).

30 (e) Toll-free telephone number.--The toll-free telephone

1 number obtained by the secretary from the Department of Drug and
2 Alcohol Programs under subsection (c) shall be the number 1-800-
3 GAMBLER, unless the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
4 determines that the number 1-800-GAMBLER is unavailable for use
5 by the lottery.

6 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.