

SENATE BILL 374

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By: **Senators Currie, Kasemeyer, King, Peters, and Robey**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery – Online Ticket Sales – Moratorium and Study**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from
4 allowing a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device
5 that connects to the Internet; establishing the Task Force to Study the Online
6 Sale of State Lottery Tickets; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing
7 of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
8 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
9 requiring the Task Force to study and make determinations regarding certain
10 matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings, determinations, and
11 any recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
12 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
13 a moratorium on and study of the sale of State lottery tickets over the Internet.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency may not allow a person to
17 purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the
18 Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device.

19 (b) There is a Task Force to Study the Online Sale of State Lottery Tickets.

20 (c) The Task Force consists of the following members:

21 (1) four members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
22 President of the Senate;

23 (2) four members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
24 of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, or
2 the Director's designee;

3 (4) a representative of the retail industry, appointed by the Governor;
4 and

5 (5) a representative from the Maryland Center of Excellence on
6 Problem Gambling, appointed by the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control
7 Agency.

8 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

9 (e) The State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency shall provide staff for the
10 Task Force.

11 (f) A member of the Task Force:

12 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

13 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

15 (g) The Task Force shall:

16 (1) study:

17 (i) the social impact of selling State lottery tickets over the
18 Internet, including the consideration of safeguards for the public and underage
19 residents;

20 (ii) the financial impact on brick-and-mortar retailers from the
21 sale of State lottery tickets over the Internet; and

22 (iii) how other states that have authorized the sale of lottery
23 tickets over the Internet have implemented their programs; and

24 (2) determine if it is in the best interest of the State to authorize the
25 sale of State lottery tickets over the Internet.

26 (h) If the Task Force determines that it is in the best interest of the State to
27 authorize the sale of State lottery tickets over the Internet, the Task Force shall make
28 recommendations regarding:

29 (1) best practices for establishing a program to sell State lottery
30 tickets over the Internet;

1 (2) necessary safeguards and protections for the public and underage
2 residents; and

3 (3) equitable treatment for brick-and-mortar retailers that sell State
4 lottery tickets.

5 (i) On or before January 1, 2015, the Task Force shall report its findings,
6 determinations, and any recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
7 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
10 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.