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FISCAL NOTE Revised

Senate Bill 78

(Chairman. Finance Committee)

(Departmental - Lottery)

Finance

State Lottery - Sale of Lottery Tickets by State Lottery Agency

This departmental bill authorizes the State Lottery Agency to sell lottery tickets for a temporary period at any promotional or special event being held in the State, if: (1) in the director's determination, no licensed agent is available to conduct the sale; and (2) the person holding the promotional or special event has authorized the agency to sell lottery tickets at the event.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially alter State revenues or expenditures as sales of this type are expected to be minimal.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The State Lottery Agency has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to bill.)

Analysis

Current Law: The State Lottery Agency is not authorized to sell lottery tickets at any promotional or special event held in the State.

Background: The bill allows the lottery agency to sell lottery tickets directly to the public at

promotional and special events held in the State. As a result, the agency will be able to sell tickets at many of the promotional functions in which it participates throughout the year, such as small fairs, conferences, and trade shows. According to the agency, selling tickets at these events will allow the agency to promote its ideas and its sales in an effort to improve public relations and customer service. Any revenue generated by these sales is expected to be minimal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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Services

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