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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 553  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Ebersole)

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**State Lottery Tickets - Prohibition on Internet Sales - Repeal**

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This bill repeals the prohibition against the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (SLGCA) allowing the establishment of any system or program that allows a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill enables, but does not require, SLGCA to provide for the purchase of lottery tickets via the Internet. To the extent that SLGCA establishes a program or system for online State lottery ticket purchases, State general fund revenues and expenditures may be impacted beginning as early as FY 2022. The fiscal effect, however, is indeterminate.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Small businesses that sell lottery tickets may be impacted.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 447 of 2017 prohibited SLGCA from allowing the establishment of any system or program that allows a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device. SLGCA must issue licenses to persons and governmental units that will best serve the public convenience and promote the sale of State lottery tickets or shares.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office; Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; Department of Legislative Services

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