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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 618
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “for the” and substitute “an individual to”; in the same line, strike the second “of”; in line 5, after “manner;” insert “requiring the Agency to report to certain committees of the General Assembly regarding State lottery subscription sales on or before a certain date;”; and in line 9, after “Section” insert “9-101 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 14, insert:

“9-101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Agency” means the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency.
- (c) “Commission” means the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission.
- (d) “Director” means the Director of the Agency.
- (e) “Governmental unit” means:
 - (1) an instrumentality of the State;
 - (2) a county or municipal corporation of the State; or
 - (3) an instrumentality of a county or municipal corporation of the State.
- (f) “JACKPOT GAME” MEANS A LOTTERY GAME FOR WHICH THE TOP PRIZE AMOUNT VARIES:

(1) BASED ON SALES; AND

(2) IF THE PRIZE WAS WON IN THE PRECEDING DRAWING.

(G) “License” means a license issued by the Director to act as a licensed agent.

[(g)] (H) “Licensed agent” means a person or governmental unit licensed by the Director to act as a State lottery sales agent.

(I) “MULTIJURISDICTIONAL GAME” MEANS A LOTTERY GAME OFFERED BY THE AGENCY AND:

(1) ANY OTHER POLITICAL ENTITY OUTSIDE THE STATE OR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES; OR

(2) ANY PRIVATE LICENSEE OF A STATE OR FOREIGN NATION.

[(h)] (J) (1) “State lottery” means the lottery established and operated under this subtitle.

(2) “State lottery” includes a raffle conducted by the Agency.

(K) “SUBSCRIPTION” MEANS A METHOD OF PLAYING A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL OR JACKPOT LOTTERY GAME BY WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL SUBMITS TO THE AGENCY:

(1) AN APPLICATION TO PLAY A GAME USING THE SAME GAME DATA FOR A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE DRAWINGS; AND

(2) PAYMENT FOR THE DRAWINGS.”;

in line 16, strike “PARAGRAPH (2)” and substitute “PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)”; in lines 21 and 22, strike “FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STATE LOTTERY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN” and substitute “AN INDIVIDUAL TO PURCHASE A SUBSCRIPTION”; and after line 23, insert:

“(3) (I) THE AGENCY MAY ALLOW A LICENSED AGENT TO SELL A VOUCHER THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY USE TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A SUBSCRIPTION.

(II) THE AGENCY SHALL PAY A LICENSED AGENT THAT SELLS A VOUCHER DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH THE COMMISSION RATE STATED IN § 9-117 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(III) THE AGENCY SHALL PAY A LICENSED AGENT THE COMMISSION RATE STATED IN § 9-117 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE RENEWAL OF A SUBSCRIPTION THAT WAS ORIGINALLY FUNDED BY A VOUCHER SOLD BY THE LICENSED AGENT AND IS RENEWED BEFORE THE SUBSCRIPTION’S EXPIRATION FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST RENEWAL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2026, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on State lottery subscription sales, including:

- (1) the number and amount of subscriptions sold directly by the Agency;
- (2) the number and amount of vouchers sold by licensed agents; and
- (3) the number of subscription renewals processed directly by the Agency that were originally funded by vouchers.”.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.