
HOUSE BILL 1482

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state lottery; and amending RCW 67.70.040.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.70.040 and 1994 c 218 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The commission shall have the power, and it shall be its duty:

6 (1) To (~~promulgate such~~) adopt rules governing the establishment
7 and operation of a state lottery as it deems necessary and desirable in
8 order that such a lottery be initiated at the earliest feasible and
9 practicable time, and in order that such lottery produce the maximum
10 amount of net revenues for the state consonant with the dignity of the
11 state and the general welfare of the people. Such rules shall include,
12 but shall not be limited to, the following:

13 (a) The type of lottery to be conducted which may include the
14 selling of tickets or shares. The use of electronic or mechanical
15 devices or video terminals which allow for individual play against such
16 devices or terminals shall be prohibited. Approval of the legislature
17 shall be required before entering any agreement with other state
18 lotteries to conduct shared games;

19 (b) The price, or prices, of tickets or shares in the lottery;

1 (c) The numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or
2 shares;

3 (d) The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares;

4 (e) The manner and time of payment of prizes to the holder of
5 winning tickets or shares which, at the director's option, may be paid
6 in lump sum amounts or installments over a period of years;

7 (f) The frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets
8 or shares. Approval of the legislature is required before conducting
9 any on-line game in which the drawing or selection of winning tickets
10 occurs more frequently than once every twenty-four hours;

11 (g) Without limit as to number, the type or types of locations at
12 which tickets or shares may be sold;

13 (h) The method to be used in selling tickets or shares;

14 (i) The licensing of agents to sell or distribute tickets or
15 shares, except that a person under the age of eighteen shall not be
16 licensed as an agent;

17 (j) The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid
18 licensed sales agents necessary to provide for the adequate
19 availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the
20 convenience of the public;

21 (k) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale
22 of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources among: (i) The
23 payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares, which
24 shall not be less than forty-five percent of the gross annual revenue
25 from such lottery, (ii) transfers to the lottery administrative account
26 created by RCW 67.70.260, and (iii) transfer to the state's general
27 fund. Transfers to the state general fund shall be made in compliance
28 with RCW 43.01.050;

29 (l) Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and
30 economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the
31 convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the holders of
32 winning tickets or shares.

33 (2) To ensure that in each place authorized to sell lottery tickets
34 or shares, on the back of the ticket or share, and in any advertising
35 or promotion there shall be conspicuously displayed an estimate of the
36 probability of purchasing a winning ticket.

37 (3) To amend, repeal, or supplement any such rules from time to
38 time as it deems necessary or desirable.

1 (4) To advise and make recommendations to the director for the
2 operation and administration of the lottery.

3 (5) To ensure that public moneys are not used to pay for
4 advertisements for games run by the commission in the public print or
5 broadcast media. Public moneys may be used to pay for printed
6 advertisements for games run by the commission if the advertisements
7 are displayed or made available only on the premises of agents licensed
8 to participate in the sale of the games.

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