

ASSEMBLY, No. 4163

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Directs State Lottery Commission to permit lottery player to submit and validate lottery claim via Internet, mobile application, or other electronic means.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the validation of lottery tickets and
2 supplementing P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-1 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 “Mobile application” means an application designed to be
9 downloaded onto and used in conjunction with a mobile electronic
10 communication device, as defined herein, and available through
11 multiple software platforms.

12 “Mobile electronic communication device” means any mobile
13 device capable of communication or other transmission of
14 information and includes, but is not limited to, a cellular telephone,
15 wireless tablet, or other device with Internet capability, or other
16 wireless communication device.

17 b. The State Lottery Commission, in consultation with the State
18 Treasurer, shall implement a program that allows residents of this
19 State to submit a lottery claim form and validate a lottery claim using
20 the Internet, a mobile application, or any other electronic means
21 deemed appropriate by the commission. The mobile application shall
22 allow for the validation of lottery tickets by persons using operating
23 systems approved by the commission, including, but not limited to,
24 the iOS and Android operating systems. The commission shall
25 establish procedures for the payment of winnings to winning ticket
26 holders, which may include crediting amounts won to a player’s
27 Internet or mobile application account or direct deposit into a
28 player’s account at a financial institution.

29 The commission may use employees of the Division of the State
30 Lottery to establish and operate the Internet site or mobile
31 application, or the commission may contract with one or more
32 qualified vendors to establish and operate the program. Any
33 payments to a vendor shall be deemed to be an expense of the division
34 in its operation of the lottery. The commission shall ensure that the
35 program includes security measures that are sufficient to protect
36 against fraud, prevent underage persons from submitting and
37 validating a claim, and protect the personal and financial information
38 of players. The program shall be implemented in a way that is
39 consistent with any applicable federal laws and any agreements
40 addressing this State’s participation in multi-state lotteries.
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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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45 STATEMENT
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47 This bill provides for the submission of a lottery claim form and
48 validation of a lottery claim via the Internet, a mobile application, or
49 other electronic means.

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1 Currently, payment of lottery prizes not to exceed \$599 are
2 redeemed directly from the retailer. However, lottery prizes of \$600
3 or more require the completion of a New Jersey Lottery Claim Form,
4 which has to be mailed or delivered to the State Lottery headquarters.
5 This bill directs the State Lottery Commission to implement a
6 program that allows residents of this State to submit a lottery claim
7 form and validate a lottery claim using the Internet, a mobile
8 application, or any other electronic means deemed appropriate by the
9 commission. Under the bill, the mobile application would allow for
10 the validation of lottery tickets by persons using operating systems
11 approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, the iOS
12 and Android operating systems. The commission is also required to
13 establish procedures for the payment of winnings to winning ticket
14 holders, which may include crediting amounts won to a player's
15 Internet or mobile application account or direct deposit into a
16 player's account at a financial institution.
17 In addition to mail or hand-delivery of a lottery claim form, this
18 bill provides lottery players with an electronic option to validate a
19 winning ticket or prize.