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Bill Analysis

Legislative Service Commission

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Reps. Schuck, Bender, Jacobson, Krebs, Padgett, Roman

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires that certain advertisements about Ohio lottery games contain information about the current, rather than future, taxable value of prizes to be awarded, the odds of winning a prize, and the taxation of prizes and requires that information to be presented in a specified manner.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill provides that all advertisements that the State Lottery Commission sponsors that specify an amount that can be won in a particular lottery game must state all of the following: (1) the present taxable value of the prize specified in the advertisement, (2) if practicable, the approximate odds of winning the prize specified in the advertisement when one ticket for the game is purchased, and (3) that prizes awarded are taxable (sec. 3770.09(A)). The information described in the immediately preceding sentence must be presented in an advertisement in the following manner: (1) it must be displayed visually if the advertisement is presented visually, (2) it must be stated orally if the advertisement is presented orally, and (3) it must be reasonably discernible to a reader, viewer, or listener, depending on the nature and size of the medium in which the advertisement is presented (sec. 3770.09(C)).

The bill prohibits any advertisement that the State Lottery Commission sponsors that specifies an amount that can be won in a particular lottery game from stating the future value of prizes awarded in the game when prizes are paid in installments over time (sec. 3770.09(B)).

Finally, the bill provides that it does not prohibit or restrict the State Lottery Commission from doing either of the following: (1) presenting information about the operations of the Commission and lottery games in reports that do not specify an amount that can be won in a particular lottery game and (2) paying out prizes in

lottery games in installments over time or informing winners of these prizes about the payment options or about the future value of installments (sec. 3770.09(D)).

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