
OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION

- Includes the percentage dispersed to the State Lottery Commission for the purpose of providing funding support to appropriate state agencies for programs that provide for gambling addiction and other related addiction services in the total for which the maximum cannot exceed 45% of the total video lottery terminal income.
- Amends the requirement that the Commission adopt a rule related to a portion of lottery sales agent's commission being dispersed to the Commission for gambling addiction and other related addiction services from "beginning July 1, 2013," to "by July 1, 2013."
- Requires one person appointed as a member of the Commission to have experience or training in the areas of problem gambling or other addictions and in assistance to recovering gambling or other addicts.
- Removes the option that a lottery sales agent mail directly to the Commission net proceeds due to the Commission.
- Removes the requirement that a lottery sales agent file with the Director of the Commission or the Director's designee reports of their receipts and transactions in the sale of lottery tickets in the form required by the Director.

Video lottery terminal income

(R.C. 3769.087)

The bill

The bill includes the percentage dispersed to the State Lottery Commission for the purpose of providing funding support to appropriate state agencies for programs that provide for gambling addiction and other related addiction services in the total for which the maximum cannot exceed 45% of the total video lottery terminal income.⁷⁷ Therefore, under the bill, the aggregate of 100% of video lottery terminal income minus the lottery sales agent's commission plus the percentage of the lottery sale agent's commission determined or agreed to be used for the benefit of breeding and racing in Ohio *plus* the percentage dispersed to the Commission for the purpose of providing

⁷⁷ "Video lottery terminal income" means credits played, minus approved video lottery terminal promotional gaming credits, minus video lottery prize awards (R.C. 3770.21(A)(3)).



funding support to appropriate state agencies for programs that provide for gambling addiction and other related addiction services must not exceed 45% of the video lottery terminal income.

The bill also amends the requirement that the Commission adopt a rule related to a portion of lottery sales agent's commission being dispersed to the Commission for gambling addiction and other related addiction services from "beginning July 1, 2013," to "by July 1, 2013."

Background

Under continuing law, a person with a horse racing permit may become licensed to be a video lottery sales agent in order to conduct video lottery terminal gaming on behalf of the state.⁷⁸ The State Lottery Commission determines by rule a commission that a video lottery sales agent must receive.⁷⁹ Additionally, unless otherwise agreed to by the video lottery sales agent and the applicable horsemen's association, the State Racing Commission can direct by rule that a percentage of the lottery sales agent's commission be paid to the State Racing Commission for the benefit of breeding and racing in Ohio. That percentage must not be less than 9% or more than 11% of the video lottery terminal income. Currently, the aggregate of 100% of video lottery terminal income minus the lottery sales agent's commission plus the percentage of the lottery sale agent's commission determined or agreed to be used for the benefit of breeding and racing in Ohio must not exceed 45% of the video lottery terminal income.

Ongoing law requires the State Lottery Commission to adopt a rule to require the lottery sales agent to disperse to the Commission $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of a lottery sales agent's commission to provide funding support to appropriate state agencies for programs that provide for gambling addiction and other related addiction services. The rule also can require the lottery sales agent to disperse to the Commission an additional amount up to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the lottery sales agent's commission for that purpose.

Commission membership

(R.C. 3770.01)

The bill requires one person appointed as a member of the State Lottery Commission to have experience or training in the areas of problem gambling or other addictions and in assistance to recovering gambling or other addicts. Unlike the other

⁷⁸ See R.C. 3770.21 and O.A.C. 3769-1-05.

⁷⁹ See R.C. 3770.03 and O.A.C. 3770:2-3-08.



members of the commission, this member is not required to have prior experience or education in business administration, management, sales, marketing, or advertising.

Under current law, this member must represent an organization that deals with problem gambling and assists recovering gambling addicts.

Lottery sales agents requirements

(R.C. 3770.02)

The bill requires, under rules adopted by the State Lottery Commission, the Director of the Commission to require lottery sales agents to deposit to the credit of the State Lottery Fund, in banking institutions designated by the Treasurer of State, net proceeds due the Commission as determined by the Director. Currently, lottery sales agents may either mail the net proceeds directly to the Commission or deposit them in designated banking institutions. Therefore, the bill removes the option of mailing net proceeds directly to the Commission.

Additionally, the bill removes the requirement that lottery sales agents must file with the Director or the Director's designee reports of their receipts and transactions in the sale of lottery tickets in the form required by the Director.

