



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Koehler, Becker, Thompson, Stein, Hambley, Sheehy, Sweeney, Duffey, Dean, Hill, Riedel, R. Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits the State Lottery Commission from adopting rules to allow a lottery sales agent to accept a credit card to purchase a lottery ticket, except at a video lottery terminal.
 - Provides that any person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a third degree misdemeanor.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Credit cards prohibited for lottery ticket purchases

The bill prohibits the State Lottery Commission from adopting rules that would allow a lottery sales agent to accept a credit card for the purchase of a lottery ticket, except at a video lottery terminal.¹ Under the bill, any person who recklessly accepts a credit card for the purchase of a lottery ticket, except at a video lottery terminal, is guilty of a third degree misdemeanor.² Current law does not address a lottery sales agent's ability to accept a credit card as payment for a lottery ticket.

Video lottery terminals exempted

The Administrative Code currently allows a person playing a video lottery terminal to place wagers using currency, credit vouchers, replays of credits awarded, value credits, or any form of card which contains credit for play on a video lottery

¹ R.C. 3770.03(B)(1).

² R.C. 3770.08(F); R.C. 3770.99, not in the bill.

terminal.³ The bill specifically allows wagers at video lottery terminals to continue to be placed according to this rule.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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³ O.A.C. 3770:2-7-01(C).

