



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 198 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Koehler

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Use of credit cards for purchasing traditional lottery tickets

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It 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 traditional lottery ticket, except at a video lottery terminal (VLT). Current law does not address the ability of a lottery sales agent to accept a credit card as payment for a traditional lottery ticket; and, under current rules, a person playing a VLT could place wagers using any form of card with credit.

Though a requirement that cash be used for ticket purchases is not in current law or rules, this has been the practice according to the State Lottery Commission. Under the bill, any person who recklessly allows a credit card for the purchase of a lottery ticket, except at a VLT, is guilty of a third degree misdemeanor. As the bill codifies current practice, LSC assumes violations of this provision will be infrequent or rare. Thus, the bill would also have no discernible fiscal effect on the courts.

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