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An Act to Prohibit Bulk Purchasing of Tickets in Certain Lottery Games

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SUPICA of Bangor.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶L**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 301, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 L. The apportionment of the total annual revenue accruing from the sale of lottery
5 tickets or shares and from all other sources for the payment of prizes to the holders of
6 winning tickets or shares; for the payment of costs incurred in the operation and
7 administration of the lotteries, including the expenses of the commission and the costs
8 resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional, advertising,
9 consulting or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and
10 materials; for the repayment of the money appropriated to the State Lottery Fund; and
11 for transfer to the General Fund for distribution pursuant to section 387; ~~and~~

12 **Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶M**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 301, §2, is amended
13 to read:

14 M. The imprinting on all lottery tickets sold in the State of the overall odds of winning
15 a prize for each game;

16 **Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶N** is enacted to read:

17 N. The quantity of tickets that may be sold to a person by an agent; and

18 **Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶O** is enacted to read:

19 O. The bulk purchase of tickets or shares as prohibited pursuant to section 381-A.

20 **Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §376, sub-§1, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 310, §10, is further
21 amended to read:

22 E. Insufficiency of the number of tickets sold by a person licensed to sell lottery tickets
23 or shares; ~~or~~

24 **Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §376, sub-§1, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 310, §10, is further
25 amended to read:

26 F. A material change, since issuance of the license, with respect to any of the matters
27 required to be considered by the director under section 375 or as defined by rules
28 adopted under this chapter; ~~or~~

29 **Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §376, sub-§1, ¶G** is enacted to read:

30 G. Knowingly selling tickets or shares to a person attempting to make a bulk purchase
31 in violation of section 381-A or any rules adopted to implement section 381-A.

32 **Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §381-A** is enacted to read:

33 **§381-A. Bulk purchase of tickets or shares prohibited**

34 **1. Bulk purchase; definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
35 indicates, "bulk purchase" means the purchase, in aggregate, of tickets or shares in a lottery
36 game in an amount exceeding \$100,000 that:

37 A. Occurs in a single transaction or multiple transactions;

38 B. Is made at a single retail location or multiple retail locations; and

39 C. Is made by an individual or multiple individuals acting in concert.

2. Bulk purchases prohibited. The bulk purchase of tickets or shares for a lottery game is prohibited.

3. Refusal of payment. The commission may refuse payment of a prize for a winning ticket or share that was purchased as part of a bulk purchase in violation of subsection 2.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a person or group of persons working together from making bulk purchases of lottery tickets or shares. The bill provides that the term "bulk purchase" means the purchase, in aggregate, of tickets or shares in a lottery game in an amount exceeding \$100,000. The bill provides that the State Liquor and Lottery Commission may refuse payment of a prize for a winning ticket or share that was purchased as part of a bulk purchase. The bill requires the commission to adopt rules related to bulk purchasing. The bill also authorizes the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to suspend or revoke a person's license to sell lottery tickets if the person knowingly sells tickets or shares to a person attempting to make a bulk purchase. These provisions do not apply to the Tri-state Lotto Compact.