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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE LOTTERY

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Costantino, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, and Williams

Date Introduced: February 02, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-61 of the General Laws entitled "State Lottery" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-61-5.1. Internet sale of lottery tickets.**

4 (a) Lottery tickets may be sold by or for the lottery division through the use of mobile
5 applications by mobile devices or over the Internet. With respect to such sales, the lottery division
6 shall provide:

7 (1) Age verification measures to be undertaken to block access to and prevent sales of
8 lottery tickets to people under the age of eighteen (18) years. Such measures shall include
9 requiring players to register for an account at a lottery retailer licensed pursuant to this chapter.

10 (2) That lottery purchases shall be limited to transactions initiated and completed within
11 the geographic borders of the state of Rhode Island.

12 (3) Wager limits for daily, weekly, and monthly amounts for each player and account
13 consistent with the best practices in addressing problem gambling.

14 (4) A voluntary self-exclusion program for players to self-exclude themselves from
15 wagering for set periods of time.

16 (b) Owners of retail establishments who have been convicted of a felony within the
17 previous ten (10) years which has not been annulled or expunged by a court, or a misdemeanor
18 involving falsehood or dishonesty within the previous five (5) years which has not been annulled
19 or expunged by a court, shall not be allowed to sell lottery tickets in their retail establishment.

1 (c) Fifty percent (50%) of proceeds from the Internet sale of lottery tickets shall go to the
2 state pension fund, and fifty percent (50%) of proceeds shall go to the state lottery fund.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize the internet sale of lottery tickets with fifty percent of the
2 proceeds to go to the state pension fund and fifty percent to go to the state lottery fund.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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