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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Casey, Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Diaz, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

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 **42-61-19. Instant ticket scratch off game pilot program.**

4 (a)(1) The director shall establish and is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and
5 regulations necessary to create an instant ticket scratch off game pilot program for the purposes of
6 benefiting Rhode Island veterans and dependents of qualified service members.

7 (2) The instant ticket scratch off game pilot program shall expire on December 31, 2022.
8 Instant ticket scratch off game pilot program tickets shall be made available for sale during the
9 following months:

10 (i) May, to honor Memorial Day; and

11 (ii) November, to honor Veterans' Day.

12 (b) Instant ticket scratch off game pilot program restricted receipt account. The director
13 shall deposit all profits received from the sale of tickets pursuant to this section into a restricted
14 receipt account to support Rhode Island veterans and dependents of qualified service members.
15 Funds deposited pursuant to this section shall be distributed in accordance with procedures adopted
16 by the division and the office of veterans' affairs.

17 (c) Funds remaining unspent following the expiration of the instant ticket scratch off game
18 pilot program shall remain in the restricted receipt account and shall not revert to the general fund.

19 (d) On or before December 31, 2022, the director of the state lottery shall submit to the

1 [governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate recommendations as to the](#)
2 [continuation of this section and unless extended, the provisions of this section shall cease on](#)
3 [December 31, 2022.](#)

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall expire on December 31,
5 2022.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would create an instant ticket scratch off game pilot program to raise funds for
2 Rhode Island veterans and dependents of qualified service members.

3 This act would take effect upon passage and would expire on December 31, 2022.

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