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Legislative Service Commission

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BILL SUMMARY

 Prohibits the State Lottery Commission from establishing a lottery game that has more than two announcements of prize winners per day or that is played on a slot machine, including a game of keno.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The State Lottery Commission is the state agency authorized by the General Assembly, under Article XV, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution, "to conduct lotteries, to sell rights to participate therein, and to award prizes by chance to participants." Under existing law, the Commission is required to promulgate rules under which a statewide lottery may be conducted.

The bill prohibits the adoption of any rule authorizing a lottery game that has more than two announcements of prize winners per day or is played on a slot machine, including a game of keno. For purposes of the bill, "slot machine" means any mechanical, electronic, video, or digital device (1) that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player who gives the thing of value in the hope of gain or (2) that is capable of accepting anything of value, directly or indirectly, from or on behalf of a player to conduct or dispense bingo or a scheme or game of chance. The term does not include a skill-based amusement machine.

HISTORY

ACTION DATE

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