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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 5:9-7 (Authority of lottery agents to distribute prize money)

Laws of 1977 Chapter 169

Bill No. S3241

Sponsor(s) Musto and Merlino

Date Introduced April 25, 1977

Committee: Assembly State Government, Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Senate -----

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes Below ~~Yes~~

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Fiscal Note ~~Yes~~ No

Veto message ~~Yes~~ No

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Following were printed:

Reports ~~Yes~~ No

Hearings ~~Yes~~ No

Sponsor's Statement:

This bill is intended to clarify the authority of licensed lottery sales agents under the direction and supervision of the Lottery Commission and the State Treasurer to make direct disbursements of cash prizes not to exceed \$599.00 for moneys received from the sale of lottery tickets.

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SENATE, No. 3241

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 25, 1977

By Senators MUSTO and MERLINO

(Without Reference)

AN ACT to amend the "State Lottery Law," approved February 16, 1970 (P. L. 1970, c. 13).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 7 of P. L. 1970, c. 13 (C. 5:9-7) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 7. The commission shall have the power, and it shall be its duty:

4 a. After full and thorough study of the report and recommenda-
5 tions of the State Lottery Planning Commission established pur-
6 suant to Joint Resolution Number 11, approved November 20, 1969,
7 and such other pertinent information as may be available, to pro-
8 mulgate such rules and regulations governing the establishment and
9 operation of a State lottery as it deems necessary and desirable in
10 order that the mandate of the people expressed in their approval of
11 the amendment to Article IV, Section VII, paragraph 2, of the
12 Constitution in the general election of November, 1969, may be fully
13 implemented, in order that such a lottery shall be initiated at the
14 earliest feasible and practicable time, and in order that such lottery
15 shall produce the maximum amount of net revenues for State in-
16 stitutions and State aid for education consonant with the dignity
17 of the State and the general welfare of the people. Such rules and
18 regulations may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- 19 (1) The type of lottery to be conducted.
20 (2) The price, or prices, of tickets or shares in the lottery.
21 (3) The numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets
22 or shares.
23 (4) The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares.
24 (5) The manner of payment of prizes to the holders of winning
25 tickets or shares, *including, subject to the approval of the State*
26 *Treasurer, provision for payment of prizes not to exceed \$599.00*
27 *by agents licensed hereunder out of moneys received from sales*
28 *of tickets or shares.*

29 (6) The frequency of the drawings or selections of winning
30 tickets or shares, without limitation.

31 (7) Without limit as to number, the type or types of locations
32 at which tickets or shares may be sold.

33 (8) The method to be used in selling tickets or shares.

34 (9) The licensing of agents to sell tickets or shares, provided
35 that no person under the age of 21 shall be licensed as an agent.

36 (10) The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be
37 paid licensed sales agents necessary to provide for the adequate
38 availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the
39 convenience of the public.

40 (11) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the
41 sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources among
42 (a) the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or
43 shares, (b) the payment of costs incurred in the operation and
44 administration of the lottery, including the expenses of the division
45 and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into
46 for promotional, advertising or operational services or for the
47 purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials, (c) for the
48 repayment of the moneys appropriated to the State Lottery Fund
49 pursuant to section 23 of this act, and (d) for transfer to the general
50 fund for State institutions and State aid for education; provided,
51 however, that no less than 30% of the total revenues accruing from
52 the sale of lottery tickets or shares shall be dedicated to (d), above.

53 (12) Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient
54 and economical operation and administration of the lottery and for
55 the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the
56 holders of winning tickets or shares.

57 b. To amend, repeal, or supplement any such rules and regula-
58 tions from time to time as it deems necessary or desirable.

59 c. To advise and make recommendations to the director regard-
60 ing the operation and administration of the lottery.

61 d. To report monthly to the Governor and the Legislature the
62 total lottery revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses for
63 the preceding month, and to make an annual report, which shall
64 include a full and complete statement of lottery revenues, prize
65 disbursements and other expenses, to the Governor and the Legis-
66 lature, and including such recommendations for changes in this
67 act as it deems necessary or desirable.

68 e. To report immediately to the Governor and the Legislature
69 any matters which shall require immediate changes in the laws of
70 this State in order to prevent abuses and evasions of this act or

71 rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or to rectify unde-
72 sirable conditions in connection with the administration or opera-
73 tion of the lottery.

74 f. To carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lottery
75 throughout the State (1) for the purpose of ascertaining any defects
76 in this act or in the rules and regulations issued thereunder by
77 reason whereof any abuses in the administration and operation of
78 the lottery or any evasion of this act or the rules and regulations
79 may arise or be practiced, (2) for the purpose of formulating rec-
80 ommendations for changes in this act and the rules and regulations
81 promulgated thereunder to prevent such abuses and evasions, (3) to
82 guard against the use of this act and the rules and regulations
83 issued thereunder as a cloak for the carrying on of organized
84 gambling and crime, and (4) to insure that said law and rules and
85 regulations shall be in such form and be so administered as to
86 serve the true purposes of this act.

87 g. To make a continuous study and investigation of (1) the op-
88 eration and the administration of similar laws which may be in
89 effect in other states or countries, (2) any literature on the subject
90 which from time to time may be published or available, (3) any
91 Federal laws which may affect the operation of the lottery, and
92 (4) the reaction of New Jersey citizens to existing and potential
93 features of the lottery with a view to recommending or effecting
94 changes that will tend to serve the purposes of this act.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill is intended to clarify the authority of licensed lottery sales agents under the direction and supervision of the Lottery Commission and the State Treasurer to make direct disbursements of cash prizes not to exceed \$599.00 for moneys received from the sale of lottery tickets.

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STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3241

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 1977

Under this bill, the Lottery Commission is authorized to provide in its rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the State Treasurer, for the direct payment by licensed lottery agents of prizes not exceeding \$599.00 out of moneys received from sales of lottery tickets or shares.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AUGUST 11, 1977

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed the following bills into law:

S-3241 - sponsored by Senator William V. Musto, D-Hudson, which authorizes the Lottery Commission to allow licensed lottery agents to pay prizes not exceeding \$599 out of money received from the sale of lottery tickets or shares.

The bill is intended to place New Jersey on an equal competitive basis with neighboring states in allowing prize payments in the field. The bill also allows prizes to be provided more quickly and conveniently.

A-3236 - sponsored by Assemblyman Robert E. Littell, R-Sussex, which amends the law concerning the issuance of water district bonds.

The bill removes the limitation of \$60,000 on the amount a township water district can spend to acquire certain equipment, and to construct certain plants and structures. The cost of such acquisition and construction will be financed by bond issues. These bond issues must be authorized by resolution and approved by the voters of the district at a special meeting. The legislation requires that notice of the special meetings be printed in a newspaper.

The bill also removes the six per cent interest limitation on the bonds.

Sparta Township in Sussex County and Voorhees Township in Camden County are the only two townships in the state which have water districts.

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