

**99G.30 Ticket sales requirements — penalties.**

1. Lottery tickets or shares may be distributed by the division for promotional purposes.
2. A ticket or share shall not be sold at a price other than that fixed by the division and a sale shall not be made other than by a retailer or an employee of the retailer who is authorized by the retailer to sell tickets or shares. A person who violates a provision of [this subsection](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.
3. A ticket or share shall not be sold to a person who has not reached the age of twenty-one. Any person who knowingly sells a lottery ticket or share to a person under the age of twenty-one shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor. It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of a violation under [this section](#) that the retailer reasonably and in good faith relied upon presentation of proof of age in making the sale. A prize won by a person who has not reached the age of twenty-one but who purchases a winning ticket or share in violation of [this subsection](#) shall be forfeited. [This section](#) does not prohibit the lawful purchase of a ticket or share for the purpose of making a gift to a person who has not reached the age of twenty-one. The commission shall adopt administrative rules governing the payment of prizes to persons who have not reached the age of twenty-one.
4. Except for the department, a retailer shall only sell lottery products on the licensed premises and not through the mail or by technological means except as the department may provide or authorize.
5. The retailer may accept payment by cash, check, money order, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. The retailer shall not extend or arrange credit for the purchase of a ticket or share. As used in [this subsection](#), “cash” means United States currency.
6. Nothing in [this chapter](#) shall be construed to prohibit the department from designating certain of its agents and employees to sell or give lottery tickets or shares directly to the public.
7. No elected official’s name shall be printed on tickets.  
[2003 Acts, ch 178, §83, 121; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §142; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §2333; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)  
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