

Senate Study Bill 1079 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to matters under the purview of the Iowa
2 lottery authority, including authorization to conduct sports
3 betting as a lottery game and providing criminal penalties.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 99G.3, subsection 7, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. "Lottery", "lotteries", "lottery game", "lottery games",
4 or "lottery products" means any game of skill or chance approved
5 by the board and operated pursuant to this chapter, including
6 but not limited to sports betting, and games using mechanical
7 or electronic devices, provided that the authority shall not
8 authorize a monitor vending machine or a player-activated
9 gaming machine that utilizes an internal randomizer to
10 determine winning and nonwinning plays and that upon random
11 internal selection of a winning play dispenses coins, currency,
12 or a ticket, credit, or token to the player that is redeemable
13 for cash or a prize, and excluding gambling or gaming conducted
14 pursuant to chapter 99B, 99D, or 99F.

15 Sec. 2. Section 99G.3, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 16A. "*Sports betting*" means the acceptance
18 of wagers on collegiate or professional sporting events by any
19 system of wagering as authorized by the board and conducted
20 pursuant to this chapter.

21 Sec. 3. Section 99G.9, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 2019,
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 *b.* The sale price of tickets or shares and the manner
24 of sale, including but not limited to authorization of sale
25 of tickets or shares at a discount for marketing purposes;
26 provided, however, that a retailer may accept payment by
27 cash, check, money order, debit card, ~~or~~ prepaid gift card,
28 nondeferred electronic payments through electronic wallets or
29 mobile applications, electronic funds transfer ~~and,~~ or other
30 form of cash-based payment, so long as it shall not extend or
31 arrange credit for the purchase of a ticket or share. As used
32 in this section, "cash" means United States currency.

33 Sec. 4. Section 99G.36, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
34 following new subsection:

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. Any person who influences or attempts

1 to influence the outcome of a sporting contest where a sports
2 betting wager was placed pursuant to this chapter shall be
3 guilty of a class "D" felony.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill concerns the Iowa lottery authority.

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Code section 99G.3, definitions, is amended. The definition
9 of "lottery" is amended to authorize any game of skill approved
10 by the board of directors of the Iowa lottery authority and to
11 also authorize sports betting. "Sports betting" is defined as
12 the acceptance of wagers on collegiate or professional sporting
13 events.

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Code section 99G.9, concerning lottery board of directors'
15 duties and specifically the authority to adopt administrative
16 rules, is amended. The bill authorizes the board to adopt
17 rules allowing a retailer to also accept payment for a lottery
18 ticket or share by prepaid gift card, nondeferred electronic
19 payments through electronic wallets or mobile applications,
20 or other form of cash-based payment, so long as the retailer
21 does not extend or arrange for credit to purchase the ticket or
22 share.

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Code section 99G.36, concerning criminal penalties, is
24 amended to provide that a person who influences or attempts
25 to influence the outcome of a sporting contest where a sports
26 betting wager was placed shall be guilty of a class "D" felony.
27 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more
28 than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than
29 \$7,500.