

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB4536

Introduced 1/31/2024, by Rep. Margaret Croke

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1605/7.1 from Ch. 120, par. 1157.1 20 ILCS 1605/10.6 from Ch. 120, par. 1160.6 20 ILCS 1605/19 from Ch. 120, par. 1169

Amends the Illinois Lottery Law. Removes a provision that requires the Department of the Lottery to publish each January in the Illinois Register a list of all game-specific rules, play instructions, directives, operations manuals, brochures, or other game-specific publications issued by the Department during the previous year and instructions concerning how the public may obtain copies of these materials from the Department. Provides that the Department shall make an effort to more directly inform players of the odds of winning prizes by publishing the information for all games on the Department's public website. Provides that written play instructions shall be made available on the Department's public website or by the Department by request (rather than made available to all players through sales agents licensed to sell game tickets or shares).

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Lottery Law is amended by changing

  Sections 7.1, 10.6, and 19 as follows:
- 6 (20 ILCS 1605/7.1) (from Ch. 120, par. 1157.1)

7 Sec. 7.1. The Department shall promulgate such rules and 8 regulations governing the establishment and operation of a 9 State lottery as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall be subject to the 10 provisions of The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The 11 Department shall issue written game rules, play instructions, 12 13 directives, operations manuals, brochures, or any other 14 publications necessary to conduct specific games, authorized by rule by the Department. Any written game rules, 15 16 play instructions, directives, operations manuals, brochures, 17 or other game publications issued by the Department that relate to a specific lottery game shall be maintained as a 18 19 public record in the Department's principal office, and made available for public inspection and copying but shall be 20 21 exempt from the rulemaking procedures of the Illinois 22 Administrative Procedure Act. However, when such written materials contain any policy of general applicability, the 23

Department shall formulate and adopt such policy as a rule in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. In addition, the Department shall publish each January in the Illinois Register a list of all game-specific rules, play instructions, directives, operations manuals, brochures, or other game specific publications issued by the Department during the previous year and instructions

concerning how the public may obtain copies of these

- 9 **from the Department.**
- 10 (Source: P.A. 97-464, eff. 10-15-11.)
- 11 (20 ILCS 1605/10.6) (from Ch. 120, par. 1160.6)
- Sec. 10.6. The Department shall make an effort to more directly inform players of the odds of winning prizes by publishing the information for all games on the Department's public website. This effort shall include, at a minimum, that the Department require all ticket agents to display a placard
- 17 stating the odds of winning for each game offered by that
- 18 <del>agent.</del>

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- 19 (Source: P.A. 97-464, eff. 10-15-11.)
- 20 (20 ILCS 1605/19) (from Ch. 120, par. 1169)
- Sec. 19. The Department shall establish an appropriate period for the claiming of prizes for each lottery game offered. Each claim period shall be stated in game rules and written play instructions issued by the Director in accordance

with Section 7.1 of this Act. Written play instructions shall be made available on the Department's public website or by the Department by request to all players through sales agents licensed to sell game tickets or shares. Prizes for lottery games which involve the purchase of a physical lottery ticket may be claimed only by presentation of a valid winning lottery ticket that matches validation records on file with the Lottery; no claim may be honored which is based on the assertion that the ticket was lost or stolen. No lottery ticket which has been altered, mutilated, or fails to pass validation tests shall be deemed to be a winning ticket.

If no claim is made for the money within the established claim period, the prize may be included in the prize pool of such special drawing or drawings as the Department may, from time to time, designate. Unclaimed multi-state game prize money may be included in the multi-state prize pool for such special drawing or drawings as the multi-state game directors may, from time to time, designate. Any bonuses offered by the Department to sales agents who sell winning tickets or shares shall be payable to such agents regardless of whether or not the prize money on the ticket or share is claimed, provided that the agent can be identified as the vendor of the winning ticket or share, and that the winning ticket or share was sold on or after January 1, 1984. All unclaimed prize money not included in the prize pool of a special drawing shall be transferred to the Common School Fund.

1 (Source: P.A. 97-464, eff. 10-15-11; 98-499, eff. 8-16-13.)