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SYNOPSIS
Allows purchase of lottery tickets through decoupled debit payment method.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT concerning the purchase of lottery tickets through
decoupled debit as an electronic fund payment method and
supplementing P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-1 et seq.).

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

1. a. For the purposes of this act, P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending
before the Legislature as this bill), “decoupled debit” means an
electronic fund transfer by an entity that does not hold the enrolled
user’s bank account and uses the automated clearing house network
to debit the user’s checking account for the settlement of
transactions.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
regulation to the contrary, a licensed lottery sales agent operating in
this State may accept decoupled debit as a form of payment from
patrons for the purchase of lottery tickets.

c. The State Lottery Commission shall promulgate rules and
regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be needed to
effectuate the provisions of this act.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
following enactment, except that the State Lottery Commission may
take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be
necessary for the implementation of this act.

STATEMENT

The bill permits lottery sales agents to accept decoupled debit as
a form of payment from patrons for the purchase of lottery tickets.
Under the bill, “decoupled debit” means an electronic fund transfer
by an entity that does not hold the enrolled user’s bank account and
uses the automated clearing house network to debit the user’s
checking account for the settlement of transactions.