

S.268

Introduced by Senators Chittenden and Brennan

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Recreation and sports; State Lottery; general provisions; mobile and
internet lottery sales

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the
Board of Liquor and Lottery to offer lottery tickets, products, and subscriptions
through the use of mobile applications, by mobile devices, or over the internet.

An act relating to internet lottery sales

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 31 V.S.A. § 665 is added to read:

§ 665. MOBILE AND INTERNET LOTTERY SALES; AUTHORITY AND
PROCEDURES

(a) Authority of the Board. The Board of Liquor and Lottery, through the
Commissioner of Liquor and Lottery, is authorized to sell tickets, products,
and subscriptions through mobile applications, by mobile devices, or over the
internet for the lottery games established and operated pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Purchases only within the State. All lottery purchases made through
mobile applications, by mobile devices, or over the internet shall be initiated

1 and received within the State and shall not be intentionally routed outside the
2 State. The incidental intermediate routing of a purchase shall not determine
3 the location or locations in which the wager is initiated, received, or otherwise
4 made.

5 (c) Public Records Act exemptions. When produced or acquired by the
6 Department of Liquor and Lottery pursuant to this section, the following
7 records are exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public
8 Records Act and shall be kept confidential:

9 (1) personal, financial, and wager information associated with a person's
10 purchase of tickets, products, and subscriptions;

11 (2) trade secrets, business records, financial records, and related
12 information; and

13 (3) records relating to security, technology, facilities, or systems used
14 for the sale of tickets, products, or subscriptions.

15 (d) Exemption review. The Public Records Act exemptions created in this
16 section shall not be subject to the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e).

17 (e) Procedures. The Board shall adopt procedures pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
18 § 835 to govern the sales authorized by this section.

19 (1) For each procedure proposed to be adopted or amended pursuant to
20 this section, the Board shall publish the proposed procedure on the
21 Department's website and hold not fewer than two public hearings at which

1 members of the public may seek additional information or submit oral or
2 written comments concerning the proposed procedure.

3 (2) The Board shall not be required to initiate rulemaking pursuant to
4 3 V.S.A. § 831(c) in relation to a procedure adopted pursuant to this section. A
5 procedure adopted pursuant to this section shall have the force of law and be
6 binding on all persons who purchase tickets, products, or subscriptions within
7 the State.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.