**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑150‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF LOTTERY OR LOTTERY GAMES AND THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PARI‑MUTUAL BETTING BY PROVIDING THAT A PERMITTED LOTTERY GAME INCLUDES THE ABILITY OF A PLAYER TO PURCHASE A QUICK‑PICK LOTTERY TICKET WITH ONE‑HALF OF THE TICKET PRICE BEING PLACED DIRECTLY INTO A HORSERACING PARI‑MUTUEL POOL UNDER SPECIFIED TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 59‑150‑20(7) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(7) ‘Lottery’, ‘lotteries’, ‘lottery game’, or ‘lottery games’ means a game of chance approved by the General Assembly and operated pursuant to this chapter including, but not limited to, the lottery game categories of instant tickets, on‑line lottery games and drawing numbers but excluding keno, pari‑mutuel betting except as otherwise permitted in this item, and casino gambling as defined in this section. The operation of the lottery games excludes machines and lottery games, including video poker lottery games, prohibited by Sections 12‑21‑2710, 16‑19‑40, and 16‑19‑50. The access and use of an electronic or mechanical machine designed for a lottery game authorized pursuant to this chapter must be limited to a lottery retailer and his employees only in order to facilitate retail sales of lottery tickets, and such a machine must not dispense anything other than lottery tickets.

As used in this item, ‘casino gambling’ means a location or business for the purpose of conducting unlawful gambling activities, but excluding the sale and purchase of lottery game tickets or shares; and ‘pari‑mutuel betting’ means a method or system of wagering on actual races including races involving ~~horses or~~ dogs at tracks and the distribution of winnings by pools.

Lottery games as defined in this item also include the ability of a player at his option to purchase a quick‑pick lottery ticket with one‑half of the ticket price being placed directly into a horseracing pari‑mutuel pool consisting of other lottery ticket players from this or other states together with other pool participants. Only one pari‑mutuel pool per day is permitted and the pool is restricted to investing the pool proceeds on the outcome of a preselected live horse race or series of races per day offered at a particular racetrack. Pool winnings must be shared on a pro‑rata basis with other pool participants after the racetrack takeout.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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