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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE LOTTERY TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR
3 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to read:

6 **"Chapter 143C.**

7 **"North Carolina State Lottery.**

8 **"ARTICLE 1.**

9 **"General Provisions and Definitions.**

10 **"§ 143C-101. Citation.**

11 This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the North Carolina State Lottery
12 Act.

13 **"§ 143C-102. Purpose and intent.**

14 The General Assembly declares that the purpose and intent of this Chapter is to
15 provide additional monies to benefit the public purposes described in this Chapter
16 through the implementation of a State-operated lottery without the imposition of
17 additional or increased taxes. The lottery shall be initiated at the earliest practical time
18 and it shall be operated to maximize new revenue to the State. That new revenue shall be

1 raised in a manner consistent with the dignity of the State and the general welfare of the
2 people, and in a manner consistent with effective business practices.

3 **"§ 143C-103. Laws not affected.**

4 In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and any other laws,
5 including Article 37 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, the provisions of this Chapter
6 shall govern.

7 **"§ 143C-104. Commission a self-supporting agency.**

8 It is the intent of this Chapter that the Commission established by this Chapter shall
9 be a self-supporting and revenue-raising agency of State government.

10 **"§ 143C-105. Public purposes to benefit from lottery.**

11 The net revenues of the lottery shall be used to benefit the public purposes set forth in
12 G.S. 143C-175. It is the intent of this Chapter that the net revenues generated by the
13 lottery established by this Chapter shall not supplant revenues already expended or
14 projected to be expended for those public purposes and that lottery net revenues shall
15 supplement rather than be used as substitute funds for the total amount of money
16 allocated for those public purposes.

17 **"§ 143C-106. Allocation of revenues.**

18 As nearly as practical, at least eighty-four percent (84%) of the total annual revenues
19 from the sale of lottery tickets or shares, as described in this Chapter, shall be returned to
20 the public in the form of prizes and net revenues benefiting the public purposes set forth
21 in G.S. 143C-175. As nearly as practical, at least fifty percent (50%) of the total annual
22 revenues, as described in this Chapter, shall be returned to the public in the form of prizes
23 as described in this Chapter. Unclaimed prize money held by the Commission in the
24 Lottery Fund, as described in this Chapter, may be used by the Commission to enhance
25 prizes in other lottery games. As nearly as practical, no more than sixteen percent (16%)
26 of the total annual revenues, as described in this Chapter, shall be allocated for payment
27 of expenses of the Commission as described in this Chapter. To the extent that the
28 expenses of the Commission are less than sixteen percent (16%) of total annual revenues,
29 any surplus funds may be allocated to increase prize payments or may also be allocated to
30 the benefit of the public purposes as described in this Chapter.

31 **"§ 143C-107. Definitions.**

32 As used in this Chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- 33 (1) 'Commission' means the North Carolina State Lottery Commission.
- 34 (2) 'Commissioner' means one of the members of the Commission
35 appointed pursuant to this Chapter to oversee the lottery.
- 36 (3) 'Director' means the person appointed by the Governor pursuant to this
37 Chapter as the chief administrator of the Commission.
- 38 (4) 'Game' or 'lottery game' means any procedure or game authorized by the
39 Commission whereby prizes are distributed among persons who have
40 paid, or unconditionally agreed to pay, for tickets or shares that provide
41 the opportunity to win these prizes.

- 1 (5) 'Lottery' or 'State lottery' means any lottery game or series of games
2 established and operated pursuant to this Chapter and authorized by the
3 Commission.
- 4 (6) 'Lottery contractor' means a person with whom the Commission has
5 contracted for the purpose of providing goods or services to the
6 Commission.
- 7 (7) 'Major procurement' means a procurement for a contract for (i) the
8 printing of recyclable paper instant tickets or the provision of shares for
9 use in any lottery game, (ii) any goods or services involving the
10 receiving or recording of selections in any lottery game, (iii) any goods
11 or services involving the determination or generation of winners in any
12 lottery game, or (iv) any goods and services involving warehousing,
13 telemarketing, and distribution of instant games.
- 14 (8) 'Person' means any natural person or corporation, limited liability
15 company, trust, association, partnership, joint venture, subsidiary, or
16 other business entity.
- 17 (9) 'Retailer', 'lottery retailer' or 'lottery game retailer' means a person (i)
18 who is licensed by the Commission to sell tickets or shares in lottery
19 games to the public and (ii) with whom the Commission has contracted.
- 20 (10) 'Share' means any method of participation in a lottery game, other than
21 by a ticket purchased on an equivalent basis with a ticket, whether
22 presently contemplated or developed in the future.
- 23 (11) 'Ticket' means any tangible evidence issued by the Commission to prove
24 participation in a lottery game.
- 25 (12) 'Vendor' or 'lottery vendor' means any person who submits a bid,
26 proposal, or offer as part of a procurement for a contract for goods or
27 services for the Commission.

28 "§§ 143C-108 and 143C-109: Reserved for future codification purposes.

29 "ARTICLE 2.

30 "North Carolina State Lottery Commission.

31 "§ 143C-110. Creation of Commission.

32 There is created a North Carolina State Lottery Commission.

33 "§ 143C-111. Commission membership; appointment; vacancies; removal.

34 (a) The Commission shall consist of nine members, five of whom shall be
35 appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be appointed by the General Assembly
36 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and two of whom
37 shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of
38 the House of Representatives.

39 (b) Of the initial appointees of the Governor, two members shall serve terms of
40 two years, two members shall serve terms of three years, and one shall serve a term of
41 five years. Of the initial appointees of the General Assembly upon the recommendation
42 of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one member shall serve a term of three years,
43 and one member shall serve a term of five years. Of the initial appointees of the General

1 Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one
2 member shall serve a term of three years, and one member shall serve a term of five
3 years. All succeeding appointments shall be for terms of five years.

4 (c) All initial appointments shall be made within 30 days of the effective date of
5 this Chapter.

6 (d) Vacancies shall be filled within 30 days of their occurrence by the appointing
7 authority for the unexpired portion of the term in which they occur.

8 (e) All appointments made by the General Assembly shall be made in accordance
9 with the applicable sections of Article 16 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes.

10 **"§ 143C-112. Qualifications of Commissioners.**

11 (a) At least one of the Commissioners appointed by the Governor shall have a
12 minimum of five years' experience in law enforcement.

13 (b) At least one of the Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly upon
14 the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be a certified
15 public accountant.

16 (c) At least one of the Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly upon
17 the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall have retail
18 sales experience.

19 (d) No person shall be appointed as a Commissioner who has been convicted of a
20 felony.

21 **"§ 143C-113. Compensation and expenses.**

22 (a) Commissioners shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred dollars
23 (\$100.00) for each day engaged in Commission business.

24 (b) Commissioners shall, in addition to daily compensation, be reimbursed for
25 actual expenses incurred on Commission business, including necessary travel expenses.

26 **"§ 143C-114. Powers and duties of the Commission.**

27 The Commission shall exercise all powers necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
28 Chapter, including the adoption of rules pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes
29 and the establishment of licensing and contracting requirements and procedures.

30 **"§ 143C-115. Annual selection of chairman.**

31 The Commission shall annually select a chairman from its membership.

32 **"§ 143C-116. Meetings; records.**

33 (a) Meetings of the Commission shall be open and public in accordance with
34 Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.

35 (b) Records of the Commission shall be open and available to the public in
36 accordance with the provisions of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

37 (c) The Commission shall meet with the Director at least quarterly to make
38 recommendations and set policy, to approve or reject reports of the Director, to adopt
39 rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, and to transact any other
40 business that may properly be brought before it. Meetings shall be held no more often
41 than monthly, unless required by an emergency.

1 (d) The chairman or a majority of the members of the Commission shall have the
2 power to call special meetings of the Commission upon advance written notice to all of
3 the members of the Commission and the Director.

4 **"§ 143C-117. Quorum; voting.**

5 A majority of the total membership of the Commission constitutes a quorum. All
6 decisions of the Commission shall be made by a majority vote.

7 **"§ 143C-118. Reports.**

8 The Commission shall make quarterly and annual reports on the operations of the
9 Commission to the Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and to the General
10 Assembly. The reports shall include full and complete statements of lottery revenues,
11 prize disbursements, expenses, net revenues, and all other financial transactions involving
12 lottery funds.

13 **"§ 143C-119: Reserved for future codification purposes.**

14 "ARTICLE 3.

15 "North Carolina State Lottery Director.

16 **"§ 143C-120. Appointment and removal of Director.**

17 The Governor shall appoint a Director within 30 days of the effective date of this
18 Chapter. The Director shall direct the operations of the Commission. The Governor may
19 remove the Director upon notification to the Commission. The Director shall be exempt
20 from the State Personnel Act.

21 **"§ 143C-121. Qualifications of the Director.**

22 No person shall be appointed Director who has been convicted of a felony.

23 **"§ 143C-122. Salary.**

24 During the first fiscal year of the operation of the Commission, the Director shall
25 receive compensation as set by the Commission and approved by the Governor.
26 Thereafter the compensation of the Director shall be set by the General Assembly in the
27 Current Operations Appropriations Act. The Director shall render full-time attention to
28 the duties of the office.

29 **"§ 143C-123. Duties and powers of the Director.**

30 The Director shall perform all duties, exercise all powers, assume and discharge all
31 responsibilities, and carry out and effect all purposes provided by this Chapter. The
32 Director shall act as the Secretary and Executive Officer of the Commission. The
33 Director shall act in accordance with this Chapter, the rules adopted by the Commission,
34 and under the guidance of the Commission.

35 **"§ 143C-124. Power to hire and procure services.**

36 (a) The Director shall hire, subject to the approval of the Commission, the
37 professional, clerical, technical, and administrative personnel needed to carry out the
38 provisions of this Chapter. No person shall be employed by the Commission who has
39 been convicted of a felony. Each person employed by the Commission shall execute an
40 authorization to allow an investigation of the person's background.

41 (b) The Director may, and is encouraged to, subject to the approval of the
42 Commission, outsource all feasible operational tasks to two or more vendors for the
43 purposes of limiting the number of State employees to essential policy-making positions.

1 **"§ 143C-125. Assistant directors.**

2 The Director may appoint and prescribe the duties for up to four assistant directors.
3 The compensation of each assistant director shall be set by the Commission and shall not
4 exceed the Director's compensation. The Director may designate one of the assistant
5 directors as the deputy director.

6 **"§ 143C-126. Assistant director for security.**

7 (a) One of the assistant directors, the assistant director for security, shall be
8 responsible for a security division to assure the security, honesty, fairness, and integrity
9 in the operation and administration of the Commission and lottery games, including an
10 examination of the background of all prospective employees, lottery vendors, lottery
11 contractors, and any other person required to be licensed by or who contracts with the
12 Commission.

13 (b) The assistant director for security shall be qualified by training and experience
14 including at least five years of law enforcement experience and knowledge and
15 experience in computer security.

16 (c) The assistant director for security may, in conjunction with the Director, confer
17 with the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee, to promote and ensure the
18 security, honesty, fairness, and integrity of the operation and administration of the
19 Commission.

20 (d) The assistant director for security, in conjunction with the Director, shall report
21 any alleged violation of law to the appropriate law enforcement authority for further
22 investigation and action.

23 **"§ 143C-127. Criminal identification information available to Commission; law**
24 **enforcement officer status.**

25 (a) Upon the request of the Director or the assistant director for security, the
26 Attorney General and the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety shall furnish
27 information that they have in their possession, including computerized or other
28 information and data, to the Director and the assistant director for security necessary to
29 assure the security, honesty, fairness, and integrity in the operation and administration of
30 the Commission and its licensees.

31 (b) For the purpose of requesting and receiving this information, the Commission
32 shall be considered to be a 'criminal justice agency' and its enforcement agents to be 'law
33 enforcement officers'.

34 (c) The Commission's enforcement agents shall have the same authority with
35 respect to service and execution of arrest warrants and search warrants as is conferred on
36 other law enforcement officers of this State.

37 **"§ 143C-128. Coordination with Commission.**

38 The Director shall confer as frequently as necessary, but not less than quarterly, with
39 the Commission on the operation and administration of the Commission. The Director
40 shall make available for inspection by the Commission all books, records, files,
41 documents, and other information of the lottery and shall make recommendations for the
42 improved operation and administration of the Commission and lottery games.

43 **"§ 143C-129. Study of lottery systems; recommendations for improvement.**

1 The Director shall make an ongoing study of the operation and administration of other
2 lotteries and commissions and lottery games that are in operation in other states and
3 countries, of available literature on the subject of lotteries, of federal laws that may affect
4 the operation of the Commission and lottery games, and of the reaction of the citizens of
5 the State to existing or proposed features in lottery games. The Director shall conduct
6 this research in order to recommend improvements that will serve the purposes of this
7 Chapter. The Director may make recommendations to the Commission, to the Governor,
8 and to the General Assembly on any matters concerning the secure, profitable, and
9 efficient operation and administration of the Commission and of lottery games and the
10 convenience of the purchasers of tickets and shares.

11 **"§ 143C-130. Accountability; books and records.**

12 The Director shall make and keep books and records that accurately and fairly reflect
13 each day's transactions, including the distribution of tickets or shares to lottery game
14 retailers, receipt of funds, prize claims, prizes paid directly by the Commission, expenses,
15 and all other financial transactions involving lottery funds necessary to permit
16 preparation of daily financial statements in conformity with generally accepted
17 accounting principles, in order to maintain daily accountability.

18 **"§ 143C-131. Monthly financial reports.**

19 The Director shall make a monthly financial report to the Commission, to the
20 Governor, to the State Controller, to the State Treasurer, and to the General Assembly.
21 The report shall include a statement of all lottery revenues, prize disbursements,
22 expenses, net revenues, and all other financial transactions involving lottery funds for the
23 preceding month.

24 **"§ 143C-132. Independent study of demographics of lottery players.**

25 Within the first six months of sales of tickets or shares to the public, the Director shall
26 engage an independent firm experienced in demographic analysis to conduct a special
27 study of the demographic characteristics of the players of each lottery game, including
28 their income, age, sex, education, and frequency of participation. This report shall be
29 presented to the Commission, to the Governor, and to the General Assembly. Similar
30 studies shall be conducted on a continuing, periodic basis.

31 **"§ 143C-133. Independent study of effectiveness of lottery communications.**

32 (a) Until the study required by this section is conducted and the results have been
33 reviewed by the General Assembly, expenditures for advertising of the lottery shall not
34 exceed four percent (4%) of all proceeds from the sales of lottery tickets or shares.

35 (b) After the first full year of sales of tickets or shares to the public, the Director
36 shall engage an independent firm experienced in the analysis of advertising, promotion,
37 public relations, and other aspects of communications to conduct a special study of the
38 effectiveness of the communications activities undertaken by the Commission and make
39 recommendations to the Commission on the future conduct and future rate of
40 expenditures for these activities. This report shall be presented to the Commission, to the
41 Governor, and to the General Assembly.

42 (c) Similar studies shall be conducted on a continuing, periodic basis.

43 **"§ 143C-134. Independent audit of lottery security.**

1 (a) After the first full year of operation, the Director shall, in addition to all other
2 security measures, engage an independent firm experienced in security procedures,
3 including computer security and systems security, to conduct a continuing comprehensive
4 study and evaluation of all aspects of security in the operation of the Commission and of
5 lottery games. The study shall include:

- 6 (1) Personnel security;
- 7 (2) Lottery game retailer security;
- 8 (3) Lottery contractor security;
- 9 (4) Security of manufacturing operations of lottery contractors;
- 10 (5) Security against ticket counterfeiting, alteration, and other means of
11 fraudulently winning; security of drawings among entries or finalists;
- 12 (6) Computer security;
- 13 (7) Data communications security;
- 14 (8) Database security;
- 15 (9) Systems security;
- 16 (10) Commission premises and warehouse security;
- 17 (11) Security in distribution;
- 18 (12) Security involving validation and payment procedures;
- 19 (13) Security involving unclaimed prizes;
- 20 (14) Security aspects applicable to each particular lottery game;
- 21 (15) Security of drawings in games where winners are determined by
22 drawings of numbers; and
- 23 (16) Any other aspects of security applicable to any particular lottery game
24 and to the Commission and its operations.

25 (b) The portion of the security audit report containing the overall evaluation of the
26 Commission and of lottery games in terms of each aspect of security shall be presented to
27 the Commission, to the Governor, and to the General Assembly.

28 (c) The portion of the security audit report containing specific recommendations
29 shall be confidential and shall be presented only to the Director, to the assistant director
30 for security, and to the Commission.

31 (d) Similar audits of security shall be conducted biennially thereafter.
32 **"§§ 143C-135 through 143C-139: Reserved for future codification purposes.**

33 "ARTICLE 4.

34 "Operation of Lottery.

35 **"§ 143C-140. Initiation and operation of lottery.**

36 The Commission shall initiate operation of lottery games at the earliest feasible and
37 practical time but within 180 days of approval of the referendum. The lottery games shall
38 be initiated and shall continue to be operated so as to produce the maximum amount of
39 net revenues to benefit the public purposes described in this Chapter consistent with the
40 purposes stated in G.S. 143C-102. Other departments, boards, commissions, and
41 agencies of the State and their officers shall cooperate with the Commission to aid the
42 Commission in fulfilling these objectives.

43 **"§ 143C-141. Types of lottery games.**

1 (a) Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules,
2 in the manner prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, specifying the types of
3 lottery games to be conducted by the Commission including, but not limited to, instant
4 lotteries, on-line games, games played on computer terminals or other devices, and other
5 games traditional to the lottery; provided, however:

- 6 (1) No lottery game shall use the theme of dog racing or horse racing;
7 (2) No lottery game shall be based on the outcome of a particular sporting
8 event or on the results of a series of sporting events;
9 (3) In lottery games using tickets, each ticket in a particular game shall bear
10 a unique number distinguishing it from every other ticket in that lottery
11 game;
12 (4) No name or photograph of a current elected official shall appear on the
13 tickets of any lottery game; and
14 (5) In games using electronic computer terminals or other devices to play
15 lottery games, no coins or currency shall be dispensed to players from
16 those electronic computer terminals or devices.

17 (b) The Commission may authorize the use of:

- 18 (1) Any type of lottery game that has been conducted by any state
19 government-operated lottery in the United States that will achieve the
20 revenue objectives of the lottery consistent with the purposes stated in
21 G.S. 143C-102 including, but not limited to:
22 a. The sale of recyclable instant tickets or shares by electronic
23 computer terminals or devices; or
24 b. Any other type of lottery game; or
25 (2) Any gaming technology that has been used by any state government-
26 operated lottery in the United States that will achieve the revenue
27 objectives of the lottery consistent with the purposes stated in G.S.
28 143C-102 including, but not limited to:
29 a. Printed tickets and shares;
30 b. Vending machines; or
31 c. Electronic computer terminals or other devices to play lottery
32 games that are connected by telephone lines or other electronic
33 means with a computer system operated by the Commission.

34 **"§ 143C-141.1. Lottery advertising.**

35 (a) Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt
36 guidelines regarding the nature of lottery advertising.

37 The guidelines shall require:

- 38 (1) Minimizing the appeal of the lottery to minors. In developing the
39 guidelines, the Director and the Commission shall consider the possible
40 impact of using cartoon characters and other figures that would
41 particularly attract the attention of minors; and
42 (2) Prohibiting the use of false, misleading, or deceptive information.

1 (b) The Commission shall provide, by rule, in the manner prescribed by Chapter
2 150B of the General Statutes, that:

3 (1) In lottery games using tickets with preprinted winners, the overall
4 estimated odds of winning prizes shall be printed on each ticket;

5 (2) A detailed tabulation of the estimated number of prizes of each
6 particular prize denomination that are expected to be awarded in each
7 lottery game, or the estimated odds of winning these prizes, shall be
8 available at the offices of the Commission at the time that lottery game
9 is offered for sale to the public; and

10 (3) All printed or point of sale advertising promoting the sale of lottery
11 tickets for a particular game shall include the actual or estimated overall
12 odds of winning the game.

13 **"§ 143C-142. Number and value of prizes.**

14 Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules as
15 prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes that specify the number and value of
16 prizes for winning tickets or shares in lottery games including cash prizes, merchandise
17 prizes, prizes consisting of deferred payments or annuities, and prizes of tickets or shares
18 in the same lottery game or other lottery games conducted by the Commission.

19 **"§ 143C-143. Method of determining winners.**

20 (a) Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules,
21 as prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, that specify the method for
22 determining winners in lottery game; provided, that if a lottery game uses a drawing of
23 winning numbers, a drawing among entries, or a drawing among finalists:

24 (1) The drawings shall always be open to the public;

25 (2) The drawings shall be witnessed by an independent certified public
26 accountant;

27 (3) Any equipment used in the drawings shall be inspected by the
28 independent certified public accountant and an employee of the
29 Commission both before and after the drawings; and

30 (4) The drawings and inspections shall be recorded on both videotape and
31 audiotape.

32 (b) The Commission may authorize the use of any existing or future methods or
33 technologies for determining winners.

34 **"§ 143C-144. Sale price of tickets and shares.**

35 Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules, as
36 prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, specifying the retail sales price for
37 tickets or shares for lottery games, provided:

38 (1) No ticket or share shall be sold for more than the retail sales price
39 established by the Commission; and

40 (2) The minimum retail price of each ticket, share, or transaction in any
41 lottery game shall be fifty cents (50¢), except to the extent of any
42 discounts or promotions authorized by the Commission for a particular
43 lottery game.

1 **"§ 143C-145. Validation and payment of prizes.**

2 Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules, as
3 prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, to establish a system of verifying the
4 validity of tickets or shares claimed to win prizes and to effect payment of those prizes,
5 provided:

- 6 (1) For the convenience of the public, lottery retailers may be authorized by
7 the Commission to pay winners of up to an amount appropriate to the
8 lottery game involved, after performing validation procedures on their
9 premises, and with the approval of the Director;
- 10 (2) No prize shall be paid to any person under the age of 18 years;
- 11 (3) No prize shall be paid arising from claimed tickets or shares that are
12 stolen, counterfeit, altered, fraudulent, unissued, produced or issued in
13 error, unreadable, not received or recorded by the Commission by the
14 applicable deadlines, lacking in captions that conform and agree with
15 the play symbols as appropriate to the lottery game involved, or not in
16 compliance with any additional specific rules and public or confidential
17 validation and security tests appropriate to the particular game involved;
- 18 (4) No particular prize in any lottery game shall be paid more than once,
19 and in the event of a binding determination that more than one claimant
20 is entitled to a particular prize, the sole remedy for these claimants is the
21 award to each of them of a proportionate share in the prize;
- 22 (5) The Commission may specify that winners of five hundred ninety-nine
23 dollars (\$599.00) or less may claim the prizes from either:
- 24 a. The same lottery game retailer who sold the winning ticket or
25 share;
- 26 b. From any other lottery retailer; or
- 27 c. Directly from the Commission;
- 28 (6) Holders of tickets or shares shall have the right to claim prizes for 120
29 days after the drawing or the end of the lottery game or play in which
30 the prize was won. The Commission may define shorter time periods
31 for eligibility for entry into drawings involving entries or finalists. If a
32 valid claim is not made for a prize payable directly by the Commission
33 within the applicable period, the unclaimed prize money may be used to
34 increase prize payments for future games, or may revert to the North
35 Carolina State Lottery Fund;
- 36 (7) After the expiration of the claim period for prizes for each lottery game,
37 the Commission shall make available a detailed tabulation of the total
38 number of prizes of each prize denomination that was actually claimed
39 and paid directly by the Commission;
- 40 (8) The right of any person to a prize shall not be assignable, except that
41 payment of any prize may be paid to the estate of a deceased
42 prizewinner or to a person designated pursuant to an appropriate judicial

1 order. The Director, Commission, and the State shall be discharged of
2 all liability upon payment of a prize; and

- 3 (9) No ticket or share in a lottery game shall be purchased by, and no prize
4 shall be paid to, a member of the Commission, the Director, an assistant
5 lottery director, or employee of the lottery, or to any spouse, parent, or
6 child living in the same household as a person disqualified by this
7 provision.

8 **"§ 143C-146. Lottery game-play rules and winner validation procedures.**

9 (a) All prizes contemplated in each lottery game by its prize structure for a given
10 level of sales shall be paid to the players of the lottery game. Conversely, in order to
11 preserve the fiscal integrity of the lottery and to protect public funds, no prizes shall be
12 paid that are invalid and not contemplated by the prize structure of the lottery game
13 involved. By purchasing a ticket or share in a lottery game, a player agrees to abide by,
14 and be bound by, the game-play rules developed by the Director, and approved by the
15 Commission, that apply to any particular lottery game involved.

16 (b) An abbreviated form of the game-play rules may appear on tickets in lottery
17 games using tickets.

18 (c) All players acknowledge that the determination of whether the player is a
19 winner is subject to the game-play rules and the winner validation procedures and
20 confidential validation tests established by the Commission for the particular lottery
21 game involved.

22 (d) The game-play rules shall not be considered to be rules or regulations for the
23 purpose of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

24 **"§ 143C-147. Distribution of tickets and shares.**

25 (a) Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules,
26 as prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, specifying the manner of
27 distribution, dissemination, or sale of lottery tickets or shares to lottery game retailers or
28 directly to the public, and the incentives, if any, for any lottery employees, lottery
29 vendors, lottery contractors, electronic computer terminal operators, or lottery retailers
30 engaged in these activities. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter, no
31 lottery ticket or shares shall be sold or resold by any party except at the sales price or
32 value established by the Commission, except as specifically authorized by the
33 Commission.

34 (b) The Commission may enter into agreements with other states for the operation
35 and promotion of multistate lotteries consistent with the purposes set forth in G.S. 143C-
36 102. The claim period for prizes may vary if required by multistate agreements.

37 **"§§ 143C-148 and 143C-149: Reserved for future codification purposes.**

38 "ARTICLE 5.

39 "Lottery Game Retailers.

40 **"§ 143C-150. Contracting with lottery game retailers.**

41 Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules, as
42 prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, specifying the terms and conditions
43 for contracting with lottery game retailers to provide adequate and convenient availability

1 of tickets or shares to prospective buyers of each lottery game. The Commission may sell
2 tickets and shares directly to the public or may distribute tickets or shares by any other
3 method authorized by the Commission.

4 **"§ 143C-151. Selection of lottery game retailers.**

5 (a) The Director shall select as lottery game retailers those persons deemed by the
6 Director best able to serve the public convenience and to promote the sale of tickets or
7 shares.

8 (b) No natural person under 21 years of age shall be a lottery game retailer. This
9 minimum age shall not prohibit employees of a retailer who are under 21 years of age
10 from selling lottery tickets or shares during their employment.

11 (c) In the selection of a lottery game retailer, the Director or the Commission shall
12 consider:

13 (1) Financial responsibility;

14 (2) Accessibility of the place of business or activity to the public;

15 (3) Security of the premises;

16 (4) Integrity;

17 (5) Reputation;

18 (6) The sufficiency of existing lottery game retailers for any particular
19 lottery game to serve the public convenience; and

20 (7) The projected volume of sales for the lottery game involved.

21 (d) No contract with any lottery game retailer shall be entered into if the retailer
22 has been convicted of a felony or a gambling-related offense in any state or federal court
23 of the United States.

24 (e) No person shall be a lottery game retailer who is engaged exclusively in the
25 business of selling lottery tickets or shares or operating electronic computer terminals or
26 other devices solely for entertainment.

27 (f) A person lawfully engaged in nongovernmental business on State property or
28 an owner or lessee of premises on which alcoholic beverages are sold may be selected as
29 a lottery game retailer.

30 (g) A civic or fraternal organization may be selected as a lottery game retailer.

31 (h) Political subdivisions or their agencies or departments may be selected as
32 lottery game retailers for sales from their premises.

33 (i) The Director may contract with lottery retailers on a permanent, seasonal, or
34 temporary basis.

35 (j) The Commission may establish and require payment by each lottery game
36 retailer of an initial fee or an annual fee, or both, to maintain the contract to be a lottery
37 game retailer.

38 (k) Lottery retailers may contract with any person approved or authorized by the
39 Commission who provides goods or services that facilitate the sale of lottery tickets or
40 shares.

41 **"§ 143C-152. Nonassignability.**

42 The contract to act as a lottery game retailer is not assignable or transferable.

43 **"§ 143C-153. Termination of a contract with a lottery game retailer.**

1 The Director or Commission may terminate a contract with a lottery game retailer
2 under the provisions for termination included in the contract. These provisions for
3 termination shall include the knowing sale of tickets or shares to any person under the
4 age of 18 years.

5 **"§ 143C-154. Compensation for lottery game retailers.**

6 (a) Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules,
7 as prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, determining the payment of
8 compensation to lottery game retailers for their sales of lottery tickets or shares.

9 (b) The amount of compensation paid to lottery game retailers for their sales of
10 lottery tickets or shares shall be five percent (5%) of the retail price of the tickets or
11 shares for each lottery game. The Commission may authorize an incentive bonus of up to
12 two percent (2%) based on attainment of sales volume or other objectives specified by the
13 Director for each lottery game.

14 (c) In cases of a lottery game retailer whose rental payments for premises are
15 contractually computed on the basis of a percentage of retail sales, and where the
16 computation of retail sales is not explicitly defined to include sales of tickets or shares in
17 a lottery game, the compensation received by the lottery game retailer from the lottery
18 shall be deemed to be the amount of the retail sale for the purposes of this contractual
19 computation.

20 **"§ 143C-155. Sales to persons under the age of 18.**

21 (a) No tickets or shares in lottery games shall be sold to persons under the age of
22 18 years. Selling tickets or shares to a person under the age of 18 years shall be a Class 1
23 misdemeanor.

24 (b) To prevent the sale of lottery tickets or shares to persons under the required
25 age, the Commission shall issue rules prescribing the procedures to be followed by lottery
26 retailers in determining the age of potential lottery purchasers.

27 (c) It shall be a defense to violation of subsection (a) of this section if the retailer:

28 (1) Shows that the purchaser produced a drivers license, a special
29 identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7, a military identification
30 card, or a passport, showing his age to be at least the required age for
31 purchase and bearing a physical description of the person named on the
32 card reasonably describing the purchaser; or

33 (2) Produces evidence of other facts that reasonably indicated at the time of
34 sale that the purchaser was at least the required age.

35 (d) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent any person 18 years or
36 older from giving or assigning lawfully purchased lottery tickets or shares to another
37 person of any age.

38 **"§ 143C-156. Payment of prize won by person under the age of 18.**

39 (a) If the person entitled to a prize for any winning ticket or share is a minor, and
40 the prize is less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the Director may direct payment of
41 the prize by delivery of a check or draft payable to the order of the minor to an adult
42 member of that minor's family or to that minor's legal guardian.

1 (b) If the person entitled to a prize or any winning ticket is a minor, and the prize
2 is five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more, the Director may direct payment to that minor
3 by depositing the amount of the prize in any insured depository institution to the credit of
4 an adult member of that minor's family or the legal guardian of the minor, as custodian
5 for that minor.

6 **"§ 143C-157. Display of certificate of authority.**

7 No lottery tickets or shares shall be sold by a lottery game retailer unless the retailer
8 conspicuously displays a certificate of authority, signed by the Director, to sell lottery
9 tickets or shares.

10 **"§ 143C-158. Bonding.**

11 The Director may require an appropriate bond from any lottery game retailer or may
12 purchase blanket bonds covering the activities of selected or all lottery game retailers.

13 **"§ 143C-159. Lottery game retailer accounting; payments.**

14 (a) The Director shall establish procedures that shall be used by lottery game
15 retailers to account for all tickets or shares that they sell to the public and to account for
16 all funds they receive from the public for the tickets or shares.

17 (b) No payment by lottery game retailers to the Commission for tickets or shares
18 shall be in cash. All payments shall be in the form of checks, bank drafts, electronic fund
19 transfers, or other recorded financial instruments as approved by the Director.

20 "ARTICLE 6.

21 "Lottery Vendors and Lottery Contractors.

22 **"§ 143C-160. Procurements.**

23 (a) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the Director is encouraged to
24 purchase or lease goods or services or combinations of goods and services needed to
25 effectuate the purposes of this Chapter.

26 (b) The Director shall not contract with any single private party or
27 nongovernmental entity for the administration of the Commission established by this
28 Chapter; however, this subsection shall not encourage procurements that integrate such
29 functions as lottery game design, supply of goods and services, and advertising.

30 (c) In all procurements, the Director and Commission shall act to promote the
31 objective of maximizing net revenues for the benefit of the public purposes described in
32 this Chapter.

33 **"§ 143C-161. Contracts.**

34 (a) The Director may directly solicit proposals or enter into contracts for the
35 purchase or lease of goods or services to effectuate the purposes of this Chapter.

36 (b) In awarding contracts in response to solicitations for proposals, the Director
37 shall award the contracts to the responsible vendor submitting the best proposal that the
38 Director determines maximizes the benefits to the State.

39 (c) In all procurement decisions, the Director, or the Commission, if the
40 Commission chooses to make the decision, shall take into account the particularly
41 sensitive nature of the Commission and lottery games and shall consider the competence,
42 quality of product, experience, and timely performance of the vendors in order to
43 promote and ensure security, honesty, fairness, and integrity in the operation and

1 administration of the Commission and lottery games and the objective of maximizing net
2 revenues for the benefit of the public purposes described in this Chapter.

3 (d) The Director may engage an independent firm experienced in evaluating
4 government procurement proposals to aid in the evaluation of proposals made to the
5 Commission.

6 (e) Before a contract for a major procurement is awarded, the assistant director for
7 security shall conduct an investigation of:

8 (1) The vendor to whom the contract is to be awarded;

9 (2) Any parent or subsidiary corporation of the vendor to whom the contract
10 is to be awarded;

11 (3) All shareholders with a five percent (5%) or more interest in the vendor
12 or parent or subsidiary corporation of the vendor to whom the contract
13 is to be awarded; and

14 (4) All officers and directors of the vendor or parent or subsidiary
15 corporation of the vendor to whom the contract is to be awarded.

16 (f) All contract awards made by the Director are made subject to the approval of
17 the Commission.

18 (g) No contract shall be awarded to any person convicted of a felony or any
19 gambling offense in any state or federal court of the United States.

20 (h) The Commission may by rule designate classes of contracts other than major
21 procurements that do not require approval of the Commission.

22 **"§ 143C-162. Lottery vendor disclosures for major procurements.**

23 (a) Upon the recommendation of the Director, the Commission shall adopt rules,
24 as prescribed by Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, to provide for disclosures by
25 vendors submitting bids, proposals, or offers as part of a major procurement to ensure
26 that the vendors provide all the information necessary to allow for a full and complete
27 evaluation by the Director and Commission of the competence, integrity, background,
28 and character of the lottery vendors.

29 (b) The rules shall require that all lottery vendors submit to the assistant director
30 for security any appropriate investigation authorizations needed to facilitate these
31 investigations.

32 **"§ 143C-163. Compliance with applicable laws.**

33 Each lottery contractor shall perform its contract consistent with the laws of this State,
34 federal law, and laws of the state or states in which the lottery contractor is performing or
35 producing, in whole or in part, any of the goods or services contracted for.

36 **"§ 143C-164. Performance bond.**

37 (a) Each lottery contractor in a major procurement shall, at the time of executing
38 the contract with the Director, post an appropriate bond or letter of credit with the
39 Director, in an amount as deemed necessary by the Commission for that particular bid or
40 contract.

41 (b) The Commission may issue a rule allowing the Director to decrease the bond
42 or letter of credit requirement for a major procurement if the Director determines that the

1 decrease will result in a cost savings to the Commission while still providing adequate
2 protection against nonperformance.

3 (c) In lieu of a bond or letter of credit, a contractor may, to assure the faithful
4 performance of its obligations, deposit and maintain with the Director securities that are
5 interest-bearing or interest-accruing that, with the exception of those specified in
6 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, are rated in one of the four highest classifications
7 by an established nationally recognized investment rating service. Securities eligible
8 under this subsection are limited to the following:

9 (1) Certificates of deposit issued by solvent banks and savings associations
10 organized and existing under North Carolina law or under the laws of
11 the United States and having their principal place of business in North
12 Carolina.

13 (2) United States bonds and bills for which the full faith and credit of the
14 government of the United States is pledged for the payment of principal
15 and interest.

16 (3) General obligation bonds and notes of any political subdivision of the
17 State.

18 (4) Corporate bonds of a corporation that is not an affiliate or subsidiary of
19 the depositor.

20 Securities shall be held in trust and shall, at all times, have a market value at least equal
21 to the full amount estimated to be paid annually to the contractor under contract.

22 **"§§ 143C-165 through 143C-169: Reserved for future codification purposes.**

23 "ARTICLE 7.

24 "North Carolina State Lottery Fund.

25 **"§ 143C-170. North Carolina State Lottery Fund.**

26 An enterprise fund to be known as the 'North Carolina State Lottery Fund' is created
27 within the State treasury. The North Carolina State Lottery Fund is continuously
28 appropriated to the Commission for the purposes of operating the Commission and the
29 lottery games.

30 **"§ 143C-171. Types of income to the North Carolina State Lottery Fund.**

31 The North Carolina State Lottery Fund shall receive the following monies:

32 (1) All proceeds from the sale of lottery tickets or shares;

33 (2) The funds for initial start-up costs provided by the State; and

34 (3) All other monies credited to the Commission from any source.

35 **"§ 143C-172. Types of disbursements from the North Carolina State Lottery Fund.**

36 Disbursements shall be made from the North Carolina State Lottery Fund for any of
37 the following purposes:

38 (1) The payment of prizes to the holders of valid winning lottery tickets or
39 shares;

40 (2) Expenses of the Commission, including initial start-up costs; and

41 (3) Transfer of funds from the North Carolina State Lottery Fund pursuant
42 to G. S. 143C-175.

43 **"§ 143C-173. Prize payments of the lottery.**

1 (a) As nearly as practical, at least fifty percent (50%) of the total projected revenue
2 as computed on a year-round basis for the total of all lottery games, accruing from the
3 sales of all lottery tickets or shares from lottery games shall be allocated for payment of
4 prizes for lottery games.

5 (b) The Commission may allocate a larger percentage of the total projected
6 revenue for a lottery game to prizes if it concludes that the total annual net revenues from
7 the lottery game will be enhanced by that prize percentage.

8 **"§ 143C-174. Expenses of the lottery.**

9 (a) Expenses of the lottery may include:

10 (1) The costs incurred in the operation and administration of the
11 Commission, including initial start-up costs;

12 (2) The costs resulting from any contracts entered into for the purchase or
13 lease of goods or services required by the Commission;

14 (3) The compensation paid to lottery game retailers;

15 (4) The costs of supplies, materials, tickets, independent studies, data
16 transmission, advertising, promotion, incentives, public relations,
17 communications, bonding for lottery game retailers, printing, and
18 distribution of tickets and shares;

19 (5) The costs of reimbursing other governmental entities for services
20 provided to the Commission; and

21 (6) The costs for any other goods and services needed to accomplish the
22 purposes of this Chapter.

23 (b) As nearly as practical, no more than sixteen percent (16%) of the total annual
24 revenues accruing from the sale of all lottery tickets and shares from all lottery games
25 shall be expended for the payment of expenses of the Commission.

26 **"§ 143C-175. Transfer of net revenues.**

27 (a) The funds remaining in the North Carolina State Lottery Fund after receipt of
28 all revenues to the North Carolina State Lottery Fund and after accrual of all obligations
29 of the Commission for prizes and expenses shall be deemed to be the net revenues of the
30 North Carolina State Lottery Fund.

31 (b) The remaining net income of the Lottery Fund shall be used as follows:

32 (1) During the first five full fiscal years after the initiation of the lottery:

33 a. Forty-five percent (45%) of the net revenues of the North
34 Carolina State Lottery Fund shall be used for water and sewer
35 infrastructure improvements in the State;

36 b. Five percent (5%) of the net revenues shall be deposited in the
37 Natural Gas Expansion Fund to fund the expansion of natural gas
38 lines to counties currently unserved pursuant to a plan to be
39 developed by the Energy Division of the Department of
40 Commerce and approved by the Utilities Commission pursuant to
41 G.S. 62-158.

42 c. Fifty percent (50%) of the net revenues of the North Carolina
43 State Lottery Fund shall be used to retire bonds issued for the

1 construction and improvements of schools as authorized by the
2 people at the general election in 1996.

3 (2) In all subsequent fiscal years:

4 a. Forty-five percent (45%) of the net revenues of the North
5 Carolina State Lottery Fund shall be used for water and sewer
6 infrastructure improvements in the State;

7 b. Five percent (5%) of the net revenues shall be deposited in the
8 Natural Gas Expansion Fund to fund the expansion of natural gas
9 lines to counties currently unserved pursuant to a plan to be
10 developed by the Energy Division of the Department of
11 Commerce and approved by the Utilities Commission pursuant to
12 G.S. 62-158.

13 c. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the net revenues of the North
14 Carolina State Lottery Fund shall be used to retire bonds issued
15 for construction and improvements of schools as authorized by
16 the people at the general election in 1996.

17 d. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the net revenues of the North
18 Carolina State Lottery Fund shall be divided equally among the
19 100 counties and shall be used by the boards of county
20 commissioners for ongoing school construction and renovation.

21 The Governor shall determine which of the appropriate existing State agencies shall
22 establish guidelines for the use of the proceeds of the North Carolina State Lottery to be
23 used for infrastructure improvements.

24 **"§ 143C-176. Intergovernmental reimbursements for services.**

25 It is the intent of this Chapter that the Commission shall be a self-supporting agency
26 of State government. The Commission shall reimburse, at a reasonable rate, all other
27 governmental entities for services necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Chapter
28 provided by those governmental entities to the Commission.

29 **"§ 143C-177. Audits.**

30 The State Auditor shall conduct annual audits of all accounts and transactions of the
31 Commission and any other special postaudits the State Auditor deems to be necessary.
32 The State Auditor or the Auditor's agents conducting an audit may examine any records
33 of the Commission, its distributing agencies, lottery contractors, lottery game retailers,
34 and any other person licensed by the Commission.

35 **"§§ 143C-178 and 143C-179: Reserved for future codification purposes.**

36 "ARTICLE 8.

37 "Miscellaneous.

38 **"§ 143C-180. Taxes.**

39 No sales taxes shall be imposed on the sale of lottery tickets or shares of lottery games
40 established by this Chapter.

41 **"§ 143C-181. Preemption of local regulation.**

1 All matters relating to the operation of the Commission and lottery games established
2 by this Chapter shall be governed solely by the provisions of this Chapter and shall be
3 free from regulation or legislation by local governments, including cities and counties.

4 **"§ 143C-182. Lawful activity.**

5 Any other State or local law, ordinance, or regulation providing any penalty,
6 disability, restriction, regulation, or prohibition for the manufacture, transportation,
7 storage, distribution, advertising, possession, or sale of any lottery tickets or shares or for
8 the operation of any lottery game shall not apply to the operation of the Commission or
9 lottery games established by this Chapter."

10 Section 2. G.S. 147-69.2(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

11 "(17a) The North Carolina State Lottery Fund."

12 Section 3. G.S. 105-134.5(b) reads as rewritten:

13 "(b) Nonresidents. For nonresident individuals, the term 'North Carolina taxable
14 income' means taxable income as calculated under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S.
15 105-134.6 and G.S. 105-134.7, multiplied by a fraction the denominator of which is the
16 taxpayer's gross income as calculated under the Code, adjusted as provided in G.S. 105-
17 134.6 and G.S. 105-134.7, and the numerator of which is the amount of that gross
18 income, as adjusted, that is derived from North Carolina sources and is attributable to the
19 ownership of any interest in real or tangible personal property in this ~~State or State~~, is
20 derived from a business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on in this ~~State~~-State, or
21 is derived from gambling activities carried on in this State."

22 Section 4. G.S. 105-163.1(15) reads as rewritten:

23 "(15) Wages. – The term has the same meaning as in section 3401 of the Code
24 except it does not include remuneration paid by a farmer for services
25 performed on the farmer's farm in producing or harvesting agricultural
26 products or in transporting the agricultural products to market. The
27 term also includes proceeds from gambling activities as defined in
28 section 3402 of the Code."

29 Section 5. (a) G.S. 14-289 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 14-289. Advertising lotteries.**

31 Except as provided in Chapter 143C of the General Statutes or in connection with a
32 lawful raffle as provided in Part 2 of this Article, if anyone by writing or printing or by
33 circular or letter or in any other way, ~~advertise or publish~~ advertises or publishes an
34 account of a lottery, whether within or without this State, stating how, when or where the
35 same is to be or has been drawn, or what are the prizes therein or any of them, or the
36 price of a ticket or any share or interest therein, or where or how it may be obtained, he
37 shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

38 (b) G.S. 14-290 reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 14-290. Dealing in lotteries.**

40 Except as provided in Chapter 143C of the General Statutes or in connection with a
41 lawful raffle as provided in Part 2 of this Article, if any person shall open, set on foot,
42 carry on, promote, make or draw, publicly or privately, a lottery, by whatever name, style
43 or title the same may be denominated or known; or if any person shall, by such way and

1 means, expose or set to sale any house, real estate, goods, chattels, cash, written evidence
2 of debt, certificates of claims or any other thing of value whatsoever, every person so
3 offending shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor which may include a fine not to
4 exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Any person who engages in disposing of any
5 species of property whatsoever, including money and evidences of debt, or in any manner
6 distributes gifts or prizes upon tickets, bottle crowns, bottle caps, seals on containers,
7 other devices or certificates sold for that purpose, shall be held liable to prosecution
8 under this section. Any person who shall have in his possession any tickets, certificates
9 or orders used in the operation of any lottery shall be held liable under this section, and
10 the mere possession of such tickets shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of this
11 section."

12 (c) G.S. 14-291 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 14-291. Selling lottery tickets and acting as agent for lotteries.**

14 Except as provided in Chapter 143C of the General Statutes or in connection with a
15 lawful raffle as provided in Part 2 of this Article, if any person shall sell, barter or
16 otherwise dispose of any lottery ticket or order for any number of shares in any lottery, or
17 shall in anywise be concerned in such lottery, by acting as agent in the State for or on
18 behalf of any such lottery, to be drawn or paid either out of or within the State, such
19 person shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

20 (d) G.S. 14-291.1 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 14-291.1. Selling 'numbers' tickets; possession prima facie evidence of violation.**

22 Except as provided in Chapter 143C of the General Statutes or in connection with a
23 lawful raffle as provided in Part 2 of this Article, if any person shall sell, barter or cause
24 to be sold or bartered, any ticket, token, certificate or order for any number or shares in
25 any lottery, commonly known as the numbers or butter and egg lottery, or lotteries of
26 similar character, to be drawn or paid within or without the State, such person shall be
27 guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any person who shall have in his possession any
28 tickets, tokens, certificates or orders used in the operation of any such lottery shall be
29 guilty under this section, and the possession of such tickets shall be prima facie evidence
30 of the violation of this section."

31 (e) G.S. 14-292 reads as rewritten:

32 **"§ 14-292. Gambling.**

33 Except as provided in Chapter 143C of the General Statutes or in Part 2 of this
34 Article, any person or organization that operates any game of chance or any person who
35 plays at or bets on any game of chance at which any money, property or other thing of
36 value is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, shall be guilty of a Class 2
37 misdemeanor."

38 (f) G.S. 14-293 reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 14-293. Allowing gambling in houses of public entertainment; penalty.**

40 ~~If~~ Except as provided in Chapter 143C of the General Statutes, if any keeper of an
41 ordinary or other house of entertainment, or of a house wherein alcoholic beverages are
42 retailed, shall knowingly suffer any game, at which money or property, or anything of
43 value, is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, to be played in any such house, or in

1 any part of the premises occupied therewith; or shall furnish persons so playing or betting
2 either on said premises or elsewhere with drink or other thing for their comfort or
3 subsistence during the time of play, he shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any
4 person who shall be convicted under this section shall, upon such conviction, forfeit his
5 license to do any of the businesses mentioned in this section, and shall be forever
6 debarred from doing any of such businesses in this State. The court shall embody in its
7 judgment that such person has forfeited his license, and no board of county
8 commissioners, board of town commissioners or board of aldermen shall thereafter have
9 power or authority to grant to such convicted person or his agent a license to do any of
10 the businesses mentioned herein."

11 (g) G.S. 14-299 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 14-299. Property exhibited by gamblers to be seized; disposition of same.**

13 ~~All~~ Except as provided in Chapter 143C of the General Statutes, all moneys or other
14 property or thing of value exhibited for the purpose of alluring persons to bet on any
15 game, or used in the conduct of any such game, including any motor vehicle used in the
16 conduct of a lottery within the purview of G.S. 14-291.1, shall be liable to be seized by
17 any court of competent jurisdiction or by any person acting under its warrant. Moneys so
18 seized shall be turned over to and paid to the treasurer of the county wherein they are
19 seized, and placed in the general fund of the county. Any property seized which is used
20 for and is suitable only for gambling shall be destroyed, and all other property so seized
21 shall be sold in the manner provided for the sale of personal property by execution, and
22 the proceeds derived from said sale shall (after deducting the expenses of keeping the
23 property and the costs of the sale and after paying, according to their priorities all known
24 prior, bona fide liens which were created without the lienor having knowledge or notice
25 that the motor vehicle or other property was being used or to be used in connection with
26 the conduct of such game or lottery) be turned over and paid to the treasurer of the county
27 wherein the property was seized, to be placed by said treasurer in the general fund of the
28 county."

29 Section 6. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the
30 following new section to read:

31 **"§ 14-309.2. Part does not apply to State lottery.**

32 The provisions of this Part shall not apply to the State lottery established in Chapter
33 143C of the General Statutes."

34 Section 7. G.S. 120-123 is amended by adding a new subdivision at the end to
35 read:

36 "(63) The North Carolina State Lottery Commission, as established by
37 Chapter 143C of the General Statutes."

38 Section 8. G.S. 150B-2(8a) is amended by adding a new subpart to read:

39 "k. Procedures, instructions, game-play rules, and validation
40 procedures and tests for a specific lottery game."

41 Section 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to obligate the General
42 Assembly to make additional appropriations to implement the provisions of this act.

1 Section 10. The North Carolina State Lottery Commission shall determine an
2 estimate of the initial working capital and submit that estimate to the Office of State
3 Budget and Management for approval. After approval is granted by the Office of State
4 Budget and Management, and with the written approval of the State Treasurer, the State
5 Controller shall advance the approved funds by internal borrowing from other available
6 State funds. The terms and conditions of the temporary loan or loans shall be determined
7 by the Office of State Budget and Management.

8 Section 11. The question of whether North Carolina should have a State
9 lottery shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at a referendum on the
10 question held at the next statewide primary, general, or special election. The referendum
11 shall be held in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The form of the
12 ballot for the referendum is:

13 " FOR a State lottery.

14 AGAINST a State lottery."

15 Section 12. If a State lottery is approved by the qualified voters of this State in
16 the referendum held under Section 11 of this act, the costs to the State Board of Elections
17 and the county boards of elections for conducting the referendum are considered
18 expenses of the lottery; the State Lottery Commission shall reimburse the State Board of
19 Elections and the county boards of elections for these costs from the Lottery Fund.

20 If a State lottery is not approved by the qualified voters of this State in the
21 referendum held under Section 11 of this act, the State Board of Elections and the county
22 boards of elections may seek reimbursement from the General Assembly for their costs
23 incurred in conducting the referendum.

24 Section 13. Sections 11, 12, and 13 of this act are effective when they become
25 law. If a State lottery is approved by the qualified voters of this State in the referendum
26 held under Section 11 of this act, then Sections 1 through 10 of this act become effective
27 when the results of the referendum are certified by the State Board of Elections. If a
28 State lottery is not approved, Sections 1 through 10 do not become effective.