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A Bill

SENATE BILL 617

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 23 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY TICKET SALES; TO AMEND THE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY REGARDING TICKET PURCHASING; TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF IN-STORE CREDIT, CREDIT CARDS, CHARGE CARDS, CHECKS, OR ANY FORM OF DEFERRED PAYMENT FOR TICKET PURCHASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 23 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY TICKET SALES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-115-207(a)(2)(B), concerning lottery rulemaking authority, is repealed.

~~(B)(i) All sales of tickets or shares are for cash only.~~
~~(ii) Payment by checks, credit cards, charge cards, or any form of deferred payment is prohibited.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-115-402, concerning restrictions on sales, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g)(1) A ticket or share shall not be sold by use of in-store credit, credit cards, charge cards, checks, or any form of deferred payment.

(2)(A) A retailer may choose whether to accept as a form of



payment:

(i) Cash; and

(ii) Noncash, noncredit methods of payment, including without limitation debit cards or other electronic transfer of funds of the consumer to the retailer.

(B) A retailer that chooses to accept non-cash, non-credit methods of payment is responsible for any costs, fees, or charge-backs that may be incurred with the noncash, noncredit transaction.

(3) As used in this subsection, "debit card" means any card issued by a financial institution to a consumer for use in initiating an electronic fund transfer from the account of the consumer at the financial institution for the purpose of transferring money between accounts or obtaining money, property, labor, or services.