

Committee on Innovation, Industry, And Technology

CS/HB 629 — Lottery Games

by Gaming Control Subcommittee and Rep. Robinson

The bill requires the placement of warnings on advertisements, promotions, and lottery tickets. The warnings must appear in an equal number of advertisements and promotions beginning January 1, 2020, and on all lottery tickets beginning January 1, 2021.

The required warnings are:

- “WARNING: LOTTERY GAMES MAY BE ADDICTIVE;” or
- “PLAY RESPONSIBLY”

A warning must meet all of the following requirements:

- If on television, on the Internet, or in any other electronic medium, the warning must appear in black font on a white background and occupy at least 10 percent of the surface area of the advertisement or promotion.
- If in print, including in a newspaper, in a magazine, or on a billboard, the warning must appear in prominent text and occupy at least 10 percent of the surface area of the advertisement or promotion.
- If on radio, the warning must be audibly announced at the conclusion of the advertisement or promotion.

Beginning January 1, 2020, all vendor contracts relating to lottery tickets must require the vendor to place or print a warning on every lottery ticket which meets these requirements:

- Appear in prominent text on the front side of each lottery ticket.
- Occupy at least 10 percent of the total face of the lottery ticket.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 27-13; House 98-8