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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE NEW MEXICO LOTTERY AUTHORITY; TYING THE AMOUNT
OF BONUSES PAID TO LOTTERY EMPLOYEES AND VENDORS TO THE
INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF LOTTERY TICKET SALES REVENUES
DELIVERED TO THE LOTTERY TUITION FUND; PROVIDING THAT UNCLAIMED
AND FORFEITED LOTTERY PRIZES BE PAID INTO THE LOTTERY TUITION
FUND; PROHIBITING VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 6-24-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,
Chapter 155, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-24-6. POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY.--

A. The authority shall have all powers necessary or
convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and
provisions of the New Mexico Lottery Act that are not in
conflict with the constitution of New Mexico and that are
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generally exercised by corporations engaged in entrepreneurial pursuits, including the power to:

(1) sue and be sued;
(2) adopt and alter a seal;
(3) adopt, amend and repeal bylaws, rules, policies and procedures for the conduct of its affairs and its business;
(4) procure or provide insurance;
(5) hold copyrights, trademarks and service marks and enforce its rights with respect thereto;
(6) initiate, supervise and administer the operation of the lottery in accordance with the provisions of the New Mexico Lottery Act and rules, policies and procedures adopted pursuant to that act;
(7) enter into written agreements or contracts for the operation, participation in or marketing or promotion of a joint lottery or joint lottery games with operators of a lottery:

(a) in one or more other states;
(b) in a territory of the United States;
(c) in one or more political subdivisions of another state or territory of the United States;
(d) in a sovereign nation;
(e) in an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo
located within the United States; or

    (f) legally operated outside of the
United States;

    (8) acquire or lease real property and make
improvements thereon and acquire by lease or by purchase
personal property, including computers, mechanical, electronic
and on-line equipment and terminals and intangible property,
including computer programs, systems and software;

    (9) enter into contracts to incur debt and
borrow money in its own name and enter into financing
agreements with the state, with agencies or instrumentalities
of the state or with any commercial bank or credit provider;

    (10) receive and expend, in accordance with
the provisions of the New Mexico Lottery Act, all money
received from any lottery or nonlottery source for effectuating
the purposes of the New Mexico Lottery Act;

    (11) administer oaths, take depositions, issue
subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the
production of books, papers, documents and other evidence
relative to any investigation or proceeding conducted by the
authority;

    (12) appoint and prescribe the duties of
officers, agents and employees of the authority, including
professional and administrative staff and personnel, and to fix
their compensation, pay their expenses and provide a benefit
program, including a retirement plan and a group insurance
plan; provided that bonus or incentive compensation committed
or paid to an officer, agent or employee shall be calculated
based on the increase in the amount of lottery ticket sales
revenue transmitted to the state treasurer at the end of each
month for deposit in the lottery tuition fund and shall not be
calculated based on the authority's gross revenues;

(13) select and contract with lottery vendors
and lottery retailers; provided that bonus or incentive
compensation committed or paid to a lottery contractor, lottery
vendor or lottery retailer shall be calculated based on the
increase in the amount of lottery ticket sales revenue
transmitted to the state treasurer at the end of each month for
deposit in the lottery tuition fund and shall not be calculated
based on the authority's gross revenues;

(14) enter into contracts or agreements with
state, local or federal law enforcement agencies or private
investigators or other persons for the performance of law
enforcement, background investigations and security checks;

(15) enter into contracts of all types on such
terms and conditions as the authority may determine;

(16) establish and maintain banking
relationships, including establishment of checking and savings
accounts and lines of credit;

(17) advertise and promote the lottery and
lottery games;

(18) act as a lottery retailer, conduct promotions that involve the dispensing of lottery tickets and establish and operate a sales facility to sell lottery tickets and any related merchandise; and

(19) adopt, repeal and amend such rules, policies and procedures as necessary to carry out and implement its powers and duties, organize and operate the authority, conduct lottery games and any other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective operation of the lottery and the convenience of the public.

B. The powers enumerated in this section are cumulative of and in addition to those powers enumerated elsewhere in the New Mexico Lottery Act, and no such powers limit or restrict any other powers of the authority."

SECTION 2. Section 6-24-21 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 155, Section 21, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-24-21. DRAWINGS FOR AND PAYMENT OF PRIZES--UNCLAIMED PRIZES--APPLICABILITY OF TAXATION.--

A. All lottery prize drawings shall be open to the public. If the prior written approval of the chief executive officer and the executive vice president for security are obtained, the selection of winning entries may be performed by an employee of the lottery. A member of the board shall not perform the selection of a winning entry. Drawings for a prize
of more than five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be conducted
and videotaped by the security division and witnessed by the
internal auditor of the authority or [his] the internal
auditor's designee. Promotional drawings for a prize of less
than five thousand dollars ($5,000) are exempt from the
requirements of this subsection if prior written approval is
given by the chief executive officer and the executive vice
president for security. All lottery drawing equipment used in
public drawings to select winning numbers or entries or
participants for prizes shall be examined and tested by the
chief executive officer's staff and the internal auditor of the
authority or [his] the internal auditor's designee prior to and
after each public drawing.

B. Any lottery prize is subject to applicable state
taxes. The authority shall report to the state and federal
taxing authorities any lottery prize exceeding six hundred
dollars ($600).

C. The authority shall adopt rules, policies and
procedures to conduct fair and equitable drawings and establish
a system of verifying the validity of tickets claimed to win
prizes and to effect payment of such prizes; provided that:

   (1) no prize shall be paid upon a ticket
purchased or sold in violation of the New Mexico Lottery Act.
Any such prize shall constitute an unclaimed prize for purposes
of this section;
(2) the authority is discharged from all liability upon payment of a prize;

(3) the board may by rule provide for the payment of prizes by lottery retailers, whether or not the lottery retailer sold the winning ticket, whenever the amount of the prize is less than an amount set by board rule. Payment shall not be made directly to a player by a machine or a mechanical or electronic device;

(4) prizes not claimed within the time period established by the authority are forfeited and shall be paid into the [prize] lottery tuition fund and shall not be included in the calculation of gross revenues required for transmission to the state treasurer pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B of Section 6-24-24 NMSA 1978. No interest is due on a prize when a claim is delayed;

(5) the right to a prize is not assignable, but prizes may be paid to a deceased winner's estate or to a person designated by judicial order;

(6) until a signature or mark is placed on a ticket in the area designated for signature, a ticket is owned by the bearer of the ticket, but after a signature or mark is placed on a ticket in the area designated for signature, a ticket is owned by the person whose signature or mark appears, and that person is entitled to any prize attributable to the owner; and
(7) the authority is not responsible for lost
or stolen tickets."

SECTION 3. A new section of the New Mexico Lottery Act is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES PROHIBITED.--The New
Mexico lottery authority is prohibited from offering any style
of video lottery game."