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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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FOR THE LOTTERY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO REVENUE; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF LOTTERY NET REVENUES TO THE LOTTERY TUITION FUND; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

"6-24-24. DISPOSITION OF REVENUE. --

A. As nearly as practical, an amount equal to at least fifty percent of the gross annual revenues from the sale of lottery tickets shall be returned to the public in the form of lottery prizes.

B. The authority shall transmit [all] net revenues to the state treasurer who shall deposit [sixty percent of] the revenues [in the public school capital outlay fund for

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expenditure pursuant to the provisions of the Public School Capital Outlay Act and forty percent] in the lottery tuition fund. Estimated net revenues shall be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer for deposit. [in the funds, provided] The total amount of annual net revenues for the prior fiscal year shall be transmitted no later than August 1 each year.

- C. In determining net revenues, operating expenses of the lottery include all costs incurred in the operation and administration of the lottery and all costs resulting from any contracts entered into for the purchase or lease of goods or services required by the lottery, including [but not limited to] the costs of supplies, materials, tickets, independent audit services, independent studies, data transmission, advertising, promotion, incentives, public relations, communications, commissions paid to lottery retailers, printing, distribution of tickets, purchases of annuities or investments to be used to pay future installments of winning lottery tickets, debt service and payment of any revenue bonds issued, contingency reserves, transfers to the reserve fund and any other necessary costs incurred in carrying out the provisions of the New Mexico Lottery Act.
- D. An amount up to two percent of the gross annual revenues shall be set aside as a reserve fund to cover bonuses and incentive plans for lottery retailers, special promotions for retailers, purchasing special promotional giveaways,

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sponsoring special promotional events, compulsive gambling rehabilitation and such other purposes as the board deems necessary to maintain the integrity and meet the revenue goals of the lottery. The board shall report annually to the governor and each regular session of the legislature on the use of the money in the reserve fund. Any balance in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) at the end of any fiscal year shall be transferred to the lottery tuition fund."

Section 2. REPEAL. -- Laws 1995, Chapter 155, Section 38 is repealed.

Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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