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Bulk Purchase of Illinois Lottery Tickets Policy

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Illinois Lottery (“Lottery”) is committed to operating with integrity, supporting business practices that encourage the fair and responsible selling and playing of lottery games throughout our retailer network while reducing the risk of fraudulent behavior and retail theft. The coordinated effort of any entity or group to purchase lottery tickets in bulk from our retailers to attempt to win an advertised grand prize or top tier prize threatens to undermine the fairness, integrity, and public trust that the Lottery strives to foster to ensure that everyone who plays, has an equitable chance to win. This coordinated effort and the retail business practices that enable it are not allowed and are subject to Lottery action up to and including the revocation of the retailer license.

**PURPOSE**

This policy restricts the bulk purchase of lottery tickets to maintain Lottery integrity and fairness to the public and guard against potential fraudulent behavior and retail theft.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Lottery retailers, employees, and vendors involved in the sale of lottery tickets.

**DEFINITIONS**

**“Bulk Purchase”**: The coordinated effort between a single entity or group and a retailer or group of retailers, to facilitate the sale and purchase of a large quantity of lottery tickets for a particular game.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Illinois Lottery Retailer: Adhere to bulk purchase policy guidelines as stated.

Illinois Lottery Retail Operations Team (Tel-Sale, Regional Coordinators, Lottery Sales Representatives, etc.): Communicate the policy to your respective retailers and ensure they understand that participating in a bulk purchase is not allowed. Do not assist a retailer who is attempting to facilitate a bulk purchase.

Private Manager Retail Operations Team: Monitor retail operations for game play spikes and operational requests (ticket paper requests, terminal requests, etc.) that are beyond normal standards for a location and report that activity to the Lottery Department. Take action as directed by the Department.

**POLICY**

The Bulk Purchase of lottery tickets by a single entity, group, or conglomerate is expressly prohibited.

Participating in the Bulk Purchase of lottery tickets is expressly prohibited. If a retailer is suspected of participating in a coordinated effort as described, the Lottery may, at its discretion, suppress a retailer’s terminal, limit the number of tickets that they can order, or restrict excessive ordering of

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consumables (like ticket stock) that could facilitate a bulk purchase or any other means that could reasonably circumvent a bulk purchase.

The Lottery Department will monitor retailer actions that may trigger an inquiry into suspected bulk sales. For example, retailer activities that may initiate contact by the Department include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A purchaser buying all the retailer's inventory of tickets, requiring the retailer to place additional orders of the game;
- Excessive printing of draw based game tickets requiring additional orders of ticket stock;
- The segmenting of the retailer's business to accommodate a singular order, through extending hours of operation and/or dedicating the use of one or more terminals for the purchaser.
- The request for an additional terminal to help fulfill a request;

Retailers are prohibited from entering any arrangement to give preference in the sale of lottery tickets to a purchaser based on the number of tickets requested by that purchaser. This includes entering an arrangement with a purchaser who benefits from buying Lottery tickets for a third party as an agent or representative of the purchaser.

Retailers engaging in bulk sale of lottery tickets may have their licenses suspended or even terminated if the Lottery deems it necessary.

Nothing in this policy is meant to dissuade the purchase of lottery game tickets by groups such as office pools.

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