



[Ticket Sales- Other Jurisdictions]

[Office of Sales]

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PURPOSE:

Sale of lottery tickets from other states at Ohio Lottery Commission (OLC) retail agent locations is prohibited in the State of Ohio.

POLICY:

Ohio's Constitution, Article XV, Section 6, is very clear concerning the conduct of lotteries in Ohio. It states as follows:

“Except as otherwise provided in this section, lotteries, and the sale of lottery tickets, for any purpose whatever, shall forever be prohibited in this State.”

“The General Assembly may authorize an agency of the state to conduct lotteries, to sell rights to participate therein, and to award prizes by chance to participants, provided that the entire net proceeds of any such lottery are paid into a fund of the state treasury that shall consist solely of such proceeds and shall be used solely for the support of elementary, secondary, vocational, and special education programs, as determined in appropriations made by the General Assembly.”

(Emphasis supplied).

This constitutional provision establishes that the only authorized lottery tickets for sale in Ohio are those which are issued by the agency empowered to regulate the sale of such tickets. The OLC is the state agency empowered to issue such tickets, and the only tickets it issues are OLC tickets. Furthermore, the constitutional provision requires that the proceeds of lottery tickets go toward the funding of education in Ohio. The proceeds from the sale of another state's lottery tickets in Ohio cannot, and do not, go toward the funding of education in Ohio.

If an agent's location is proven to be selling another state's lottery tickets without qualifying to sell such tickets (i.e., store is located on the border between two (2) states), that agent will be issued a written warning. If the activity continues or the agent is ever caught selling another state's lottery tickets again, further action will be taken against that retail agent, up to and including cancellation.



BREACH OF POLICY:

A violation of any part of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

**THIS POLICY SUPERSEDES AND REPLACES ANY AND ALL PREVIOUSLY ISSUED POLICIES
ON THIS SUBJECT**

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