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## Ohio Lottery Commission

### **Ticket Sales-Other Jurisdictions Policy** Office of Sales

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Michelle B. Gilchrist

Director

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#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to reinforce that the sale of lottery tickets from other jurisdictions at Ohio Lottery Commission (the "Lottery") Licensed Retailer Sales Agent ("Retailer") locations is prohibited in the State of Ohio.

#### II. Scope

This policy applies to all Retailer locations, including those offering a Lottery Courier Service.

#### III. 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."

## **A. Procedures & Responsibilities**

1. 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.
2. The Lottery is the state agency empowered to issue such tickets, and the only tickets it issues are Ohio Lottery tickets.
3. 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 or jurisdiction's lottery tickets in Ohio cannot, and do not, go toward the funding of education in Ohio.

## **B. Consequences of Violation**

A violation of any part of this policy may subject an employee to disciplinary action up to and including termination. All other parties involved remain subject to their individual agreements with the Lottery and any penalties for breach may be levied subject to those agreements and at the discretion of the Director.

## **IV. Authority**

Ohio Constitution Article XV, Section 6.

[Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3770:1-5-05](#)

## **V. Revision History**

This Policy supersedes any previously issued Office of Sales policies conveying information relative to this subject matter.

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