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HOUSE BILL NO. 1291

Offered January 21, 2016

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-4002 and 58.1-4014 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Lottery; ticket courier services prohibited.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 58.1-4002 and 58.1-4014 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 58.1-4002. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter:

"Board" means the Virginia Lottery Board established by this chapter.

"Department" means the independent agency responsible for the administration of the Virginia Lottery created in this chapter.

"Director" means the Director of the Virginia Lottery.

"Lottery" or "state lottery" means the lottery or lotteries established and operated pursuant to this chapter.

*"Ticket courier service" means a person operating, or business entity organized and operated, for the purpose of purchasing Virginia Lottery tickets on behalf of individuals located within or outside the Commonwealth and delivering or transmitting such tickets, or electronic images thereof, to such individuals as a business-for-profit delivery service.***§ 58.1-4014. Price of tickets or shares; who may sell; penalty.**

No person shall sell a ticket or share at any price or at any location other than that fixed by rules and regulations of the Department. No person other than a licensed lottery sales agent or his employee shall sell lottery tickets or shares, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person from giving lottery tickets or shares to another person over the age of 18 years as a gift. *No person shall operate a ticket courier service in the Commonwealth.*

Any person convicted of violating this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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