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**§ 9301. Lottery Commission: Established.**

There is in the Commonwealth government a Commonwealth Lottery Commission, which shall supervise, organize, and operate a public lottery in the Commonwealth at the earliest practicable time. The public lottery shall be administered and operated to produce the maximum amount of net revenues for the Commonwealth consonant with the general welfare of the people. As used in this chapter, “public lottery” means a gambling scheme in which:

- (a) The players pay or agree to pay something of value for chances, represented and differentiated by numbers or by combinations of numbers or some other medium, one or more of which chances are to be designated the winning ones; and
- (b) The winning chances are to be determined by a drawing or by some other method based on an element of chance; and
- (c) The holders of the winning chances are to receive something of value; and
- (d) A gambling scheme in which electronic machines are used and are centrally connected and/or monitored through a wide-area network approved computer system, otherwise known as video lottery terminals.

**Source:** PL 3-60, § 1; subsection (d) added by PL 18-20 § 2 (Oct. 7, 2013).

**Commission Comment:** PL 3-60 took effect June 3, 1983.

Executive Order 94-3, the “Second Reorganization Plan of 1994” (effective August 23, 1994), reorganized the Commonwealth government executive branch, changed agency names and official titles and effected numerous other revisions. According to Executive Order 94-3, § 307(a):

**Section 307. Department of Finance.**

(a) **Lottery Commission.** The Commonwealth Lottery Commission is abolished and its functions transferred to the Department of Finance. The Secretary of Finance shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney General as necessary for the effective administration of such functions.

The full text of Executive Order 94-3 is set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.

PL 18-20 (Oct. 7, 2013), contained, in addition to savings and severability clauses, the following:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that Public Law 3-60 authorized the operations of a public lottery but failed to conceive and account the growing economic impact of advancement in recent years in internet technology that enhances accountability and transparency leading to more responsible lottery gaming activities. The video lottery terminals, operating under a controlled and regulated wide-area network via a centrally connected computer system, are part of this internet technology advancement that can provide much needed operational

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accountability and transparency including responsible gaming in the lottery industry.

Therefore, it is the purpose of this Act to amend Section 1 of Public Law 3-60, codified as 1 CMC § 9301, by allowing video lottery terminals to be part of the operations of a public lottery.

Section 5. Repealer. Section 307(a) of Executive Order 94-3 is hereby repealed.