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CASHLESS PAYMENTS FOR LOTTERY TICKETS

Bill Allowing Debit Card and Non-Cash Purchases Will Soon Become Law

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LITTLE ROCK – This summer, Arkansans who don't carry cash could still be able to purchase lottery tickets.

This legislative session, lawmakers passed and the Governor signed Act 876, allowing businesses the option to accept debit cards and non-cash payments for the purchase of lottery tickets. The bill will become law in late July or early August, 90 days after the legislature officially adjourns. State law previously limited lottery retailers to accept only cash payments.

"This new law will allow the lottery to stay relevant given today's cashless lifestyle," said Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Director Bishop Woosley. "More and more people just don't carry cash. This allows more convenience for our customers and our retailers."

The law is not mandatory. It allows retailers discretion on whether they will accept debit cards or non-cash payments for lottery tickets. The bill does not allow for buying lottery tickets with any form of credit or deferred payment.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

Since its inception in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, more than \$2 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$189 million in commissions to Lottery retailers. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas.

To date, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has helped provide funding for more than 235,000 scholarships to Arkansas students. To apply for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, visit scholarships.ADHE.edu before the June 1 deadline.

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