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## **DEBIT CARD PURCHASES TO BE AN OPTION FOR PLAYERS, RETAILERS**

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LITTLE ROCK— With the new month comes a new addition to the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery – beginning August 1, lottery players may use debit cards for their purchases at participating retailers. Act 876, signed into law by Gov. Asa Hutchinson on April 5th following its passage by the Arkansas Legislature, gives lottery retailers the option to allow debit card payments for lottery games. Retailers may also accept other non-cash, non-deferred forms of payment such as Apple Pay and Google Wallet apps. The act does not allow for lottery purchases with credit cards or checks.

“This law is not mandatory – it allows retailers discretion on whether to accept debit cards for lottery purchases,” Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Director Bishop Woosley said. “This gives our players more convenience, and our retailers more options.”

### **About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery**

The Lottery has provided nearly \$700 million for more than 235,000 scholarships in the state since it began. More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas. Since Lottery sales started in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided nearly \$2.3 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$195 million in commissions to Lottery retailers.

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