



GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE



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Online Lottery Bill Up in Senate General Laws Committee Monday

Your Assistance Needed

A Richmond lobbying firm has been running a disinformation campaign on behalf of a Silicon Valley startup which would allow them to sell lottery tickets online. Their goal is to make money by taking customers out of Virginia stores and have them purchase tickets over the internet, where the startup will take your commissions and cashing bonuses and presumably a piece of the prizes.

This is a horrible precedent. Here are the legislators on the General Laws Committee.

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For their contact information go to <http://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov/>. Even if you are not in their specific district, contact those that are in your service area. Call the legislator's General Assembly Office and follow up with an email. Ask your employees who are willing to do so as well.

Here are points to make:

- We ask that you vote against Senate 848 when it is before the General Laws Committee Monday.
- It would allow a California company to sell Virginia Lottery tickets online.
- I would take customers out of my stores along with their incidental purchases which are a vital part of my business.

- Those pushing the legislation have made outrageous claims of new revenue to the state that will never be realized. Whatever profits are shipped to San Francisco will be miniscule compared to lost income, sales, and BPOL taxes for Virginia based businesses.
- Virginia stores have sold lottery tickets for the same base commission of 5% for 29 years--a commission that is lower than every border state. The last thing we need is to see those dollars shipped to California.
- Please Vote NO on Senate 348.