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## Oppose Internet Lottery and Fast Play February 7, 2022



### Oppose Senate bills [SB3175](#) and [SB3176](#)

### Call your Legislators to Oppose the Internet and Fast Play game

According to the Illinois Lottery, **two-thirds of Lottery sales are from Instant Tickets.**

**Anyone 18 and older can gamble on the Lottery.** The Illinois Lottery simplified registration for online Lottery, added Apple Pay, Google Pay, and uses web-push notifications and nudges on smart phones to lure residents to gamble more!

**Having a gambling app in your pocket is a constant temptation to gamble.**

**YTD Instant Ticket sales for 2021 are 19.8% above 2020 .** During the pandemic, many low-income residents spent money on Instant Lottery Ticket, some using their stimulus checks. **Making Instant tickets accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on cell phones, computers, and tablets will increase problem and pathological gambling.**

**The Illinois Lottery added 142,000 new online Lottery players through week 29 of FY 2021, with over 70,000 new players in January, 2021.**

**The Illinois Lottery conducted a study and found that 63.4% of 18-24 year olds polled had a low level of gambling literacy.**

These young people didn't understand that gambling is not a good way to make money and that the chances of winning don't get better after you've lost. [Read](#)

Scratching off Instant tickets online is similar to playing a game on your phone. After you scratch off one ticket, a "Play Again" button will pop up. Illinois residents with a "low level of gambling literacy" and the addicted could lose so much money by "scratching" these online tickets for hours on end.

During the pandemic, 7 in 10 customers spent more money on vices, including the Lottery. A MagnifyMoney survey revealed **4 in 10 consumers dipped into savings to pay for vices during the pandemic, and close to 20% went into debt for vice purchases. Baby Boomers and GenXers spent more on Lottery tickets than other generations.** [Read](#)

**The Lottery preys on the vulnerable.** A number of studies found that low-income people spend a higher percentage of income on lotteries than those who are wealthy.

Fifty-four (54%) percent of ticket sales come from 5 percent of players who tend to be poor and uneducated. (*Inside Americas Lottery Addiction*) **Approximately 95% of gambling addicts play the lottery.** [Read](#)

#### ***For Immediate Action***

- Call your **Senators** and **Representatives** to oppose the Internet and Fast Play game. Senate bills **[SB3175](#) and [SB3176](#)**.
- Share this Alert with your faith community and PRAY.
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