



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 335
SPONSOR:	Representative Bush
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE LOTTERY.

Assumptions:

1. This Act is effective 30 days after signature by the Governor.
2. The State Lottery Office ("Lottery") within the Department of Finance has operated an internet-based Lottery ("iLottery") since the fall of 2025. Players who have created an online account with the Lottery can purchase tickets online by loading their accounts via various online sources (credit/debit, ACH, etc.) or by purchasing Web Cash at physical lottery agents.
 - a. The iLottery currently allows for the sales of instant tickets over the internet; the implementation of iLottery draw games (Play 3, Play 4, Play 5, Powerball, MegaMillions, etc.) is expected to commence in the fall of 2026.
 - b. Through the end of April 2026, 9,103 registered online accounts had wagered over \$8.0 million, winning \$7.1 million and resulting in gross gaming revenue of \$821,000. Of the \$8.0 million wagered, approximately \$30,000 was funded through Web Cash.
3. This Act would restrict loading players' iLottery accounts only through the purchase of pre-paid cards obtained from a physical lottery agent.
4. To date, the Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council (DEFAC) has not included estimates of revenue gained through iLottery sales in its General Fund revenue estimates. However, prior to implementation, the Lottery preliminarily estimated potential General Fund revenues of up to \$5.4 million per fiscal year upon full implementation.
5. Given the current initial stage of iLottery implementation, net General Fund revenue loss may be minimal. However, restricting deposits to solely pre-paid cards risks reducing future participation and could potentially diminish future fiscal year revenue realization. A reasonable estimate of potential future revenue loss is 50-75% of expected General Fund revenues.

General Fund Revenue Impact:

Fiscal Year 2027:	(\$850,000 - \$1,275,000)
Fiscal Year 2028:	(\$1,900,000 - \$2,850,000)
Fiscal Year 2029:	(\$2,700,000 - \$4,050,000)

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