

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 498

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced February 14, 2025; referred
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding four new sections,
2 designated §29-22-9b, §29-22-9c, §29-22-9d, and §29-22-9e, relating to authorizing the
3 Lottery Commission to create new lottery tickets to fund specific purposes, such as the
4 support of fire departments, emergency medical services, schools, and roads.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 22. STATE LOTTERY ACT.

§29-22-9b. Fire department instant lottery scratch-off game.

1 (a) Beginning September 1, 2025, the commission shall establish an instant lottery
2 scratch-off game designated as the fire department instant lottery scratch off game, which is
3 offered by the lottery.

4 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §29-22-18, all net profits received from the sale of fire
5 department instant lottery scratch off game tickets are deposited with the State Treasurer into the
6 All County Fire Protection Fund, created pursuant to §7-5B-2. Appropriations from this fund will be
7 made in accordance with the provisions of that section.

8 (c) The commission shall change the design or theme of the Fire department instant lottery
9 scratch off game regularly so that the game remains competitive with the other instant lottery
10 scratch-off games offered by the commission. The tickets for the instant lottery game created in
11 this section shall clearly state that the profits derived from the game are being used to benefit fire
12 departments in this state.

§29-22-9c. Emergency medical services instant lottery scratch-off game.

1 (a) Beginning September 1, 2025, the commission shall establish an instant lottery
2 scratch-off game designated as the emergency medical services instant scratch off game, which is
3 offered by the lottery.

4 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §29-22-18, all net profits received from the sale of
5 emergency medical services instant scratch off game lottery tickets, materials, and games are
6 deposited with the state Treasurer into the Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Training

Fund created under §16-4C-24. Appropriations from this fund will be made in accordance with the provisions of that section

(c) The commission shall change the design or theme of the Emergency Medical Services instant lottery scratch off game regularly so that the game remains competitive with the other instant lottery scratch-off games offered by the commission. The tickets for the instant lottery game created in this section shall clearly state that the profits derived from the game are being used to benefit emergency medical services in this state.

§29-22-9d. Schools instant lottery scratch-off game.

(a) Beginning September 1, 2025, the commission shall establish an instant lottery scratch-off game designated as the school lottery scratch off game, which is offered by the lottery.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §29-22-18, all net profits received from the sale of school instant lottery scratch off game tickets are deposited with the State Treasurer into the Innovation in Education Fund, created pursuant to §18-5E-7. Appropriations from this fund will be made in accordance with the provisions of that section.

(c) The commission shall change the design or theme of the school instant lottery scratch off game regularly so that the game remains competitive with the other instant lottery scratch-off games offered by the commission. The tickets for the instant lottery game created in this section shall clearly state that the profits derived from the game are being used to benefit schools in this state.

§29-22-9e. Roads instant lottery scratch-off game.

(a) Beginning September 1, 2025, the commission shall establish an instant lottery scratch-off game designated as the roads lottery scratch off game, which is offered by the lottery.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §29-22-18, all net profits received from the sale of roads instant lottery scratch off game tickets are deposited with the State Treasurer into the State Road Fund, created pursuant to §17-3-1 *et seq.* Appropriations from this fund will be made in accordance with the provisions of that section.

7 (c) The commission shall change the design or theme of the roads instant lottery scratch
8 off game regularly so that the game remains competitive with the other instant lottery scratch-off
9 games offered by the commission. The tickets for the instant lottery game created in this section
10 shall clearly state that the profits derived from the game are being used to benefit roads in this
11 state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create instant scratch off lottery ticket games to fund various projects of interest to the public; to create a fire department lottery ticket to fund the All County Fire Protection Fund; to create an emergency medical services lottery ticket to fund the Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Training Fund; to create an schools lottery ticket to fund the Innovation in Education Fund; and to create a roads lottery ticket to the fund the State Road Fund.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.