

House Bill 978

By: Representatives Bannister of the 70th, Post 1, Powell of the 23rd, Ralston of the 6th, Parham of the 94th, Roberts of the 135th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to
3 change the distribution of lottery proceeds; to change the compensation to lottery retailers;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relative to the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," is amended by
9 striking in its entirety paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-27-13, relating to
10 the disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by the Governor, appropriations by the
11 General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, and inserting in lieu thereof the
12 following:

13 "(2) From its lottery proceeds the corporation shall pay the operating expenses of the
14 corporation. As nearly as practical, at least ~~45~~ 42.5 percent of the amount of money from
15 the actual sale of lottery tickets or shares shall be made available as prize money;
16 provided, however, that this paragraph shall be deemed not to create any lien, entitlement,
17 cause of action, or other private right, and any rights of holders of tickets or shares shall
18 be determined by the corporation in setting the terms of its lottery or lotteries."

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

20 Said article is further amended by striking in its entirety subsection (c) of Code Section
21 50-27-17, relating to the state-wide network of retailers, commissions, certificates of
22 authority, qualifications of retailers, fees for outlets, review of activities, and gifts or
23 gratuities, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

24 "(c) The corporation shall provide for compensation to lottery retailers in the form of
25 commissions in an amount of not less than ~~5~~ 7.5 percent of gross sales and may provide for

1 other forms of compensation for services rendered in the sale or cashing of lottery tickets
2 or shares."

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.