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24.112, F.S.; requiring each retailer of lottery

tickets to provide assistance to any individual who is blind or visually impaired and has requested assistance in filling out his or her lottery ticket; providing a definition; providing that a retailer or an employee of the retailer is not liable under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

An act relating to state lotteries; amending s.

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 24.112, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

24.112 Retailers of lottery tickets.-

(13) (a) Each retailer shall provide accessibility for disabled persons on habitable grade levels. This paragraph subsection does not apply to a retail location which has an entrance door threshold more than 12 inches above ground level. As used in this paragraph herein and for purposes of this subsection only, the term "accessibility for disabled persons on habitable grade levels" means that retailers shall provide ramps, platforms, aisles and pathway widths, turnaround areas, and parking spaces to the extent these are required for the retailer's premises by the particular jurisdiction where the retailer is located. Accessibility shall be required to only one point of sale of lottery tickets for each lottery retailer location. The requirements of this paragraph subsection shall be deemed to have been met if, in lieu of the foregoing, disabled

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persons can purchase tickets from the retail location by means of a drive-up window, provided the hours of access at the drive-up window are not less than those provided at any other entrance at that lottery retailer location. Inspections for compliance with this <u>paragraph</u> subsection shall be performed by those enforcement authorities responsible for enforcement pursuant to s. 553.80 in accordance with procedures established by those authorities. Those enforcement authorities shall provide to the Department of the Lottery a certification of noncompliance for any lottery retailer not meeting such requirements.

(b) Each retailer shall provide assistance to any individual who is blind or visually impaired and has requested assistance in filling out his or her lottery ticket. As used in this paragraph, the term "assistance" means the inputting and printing of the requested lottery ticket as communicated verbally or in writing by the blind or visually impaired individual. A retailer or an employee of the retailer is not liable for any alleged or actual scrivener's error absent a finding of intentional fraud or malice by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.