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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 813  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Bromwell, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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State Lottery Tickets - Internet Sales - Prohibition

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This bill prohibits the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (SLGCA) from allowing the establishment of any system or program that allows a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. SLGCA does not currently allow individuals to purchase State lottery tickets through the Internet, and SLGCA advises that it has no plans to implement Internet lottery sales without first receiving approval from the Administration, lottery retailers, and the General Assembly.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** There are no statutory or regulatory provisions that prohibit the lottery from selling lottery games over the Internet. State law prohibits all lotteries except the State Lottery or multi-jurisdictional lotteries authorized under the State Government Article. SLGCA must issue licenses to persons and governmental units that will best serve the public convenience and promote the sale of State lottery tickets or shares.

Chapter 293 of 2014 established that the legislative intent of the General Assembly is for SLGCA not to implement any new e-commerce related to lottery sales before April 6, 2015.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill, SB 272 of 2013, passed the Senate and received a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

**Cross File:** Although SB 438 (Senator Conway - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) is designated as a cross file, it is not identical.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; Department of Legislative Services

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