

Assembly Bill No. 1801

CHAPTER 131

An act to amend Section 8880.24 of the Government Code, relating to the California State Lottery.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1801, Runner. California State Lottery: advertising.

(1) The California State Lottery Act of 1984, an initiative measure approved by the voters at the November 6, 1984, general election (hereafter the act), provides that in lottery games utilizing tickets the overall estimated odds of winning shall be printed on each ticket or stub, and provides that in all decisions relating to the advertising and promotion of the California State Lottery, the California State Lottery Commission shall ensure that the California State Lottery complies with both the letter and the spirit of the laws governing false and misleading advertising, including provisions relating to unfair business practices.

This bill would require the commission to ensure that the overall estimated odds of winning some prize or prizes in a particular lottery game are posted on all television and print advertising, exclusive of specified outdoor advertising, related to that game.

(2) The act provides that none of its provisions may be changed except to further its purpose by a bill passed by a 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

This bill would declare that its provisions further the purpose of the act.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8880.24 of the Government Code is amended to read:

8880.24. Powers and Duties of the Commission

(a) The California State Lottery Commission shall exercise all powers necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. In all decisions, the commission shall take into account the particularly sensitive nature of the California State Lottery and shall act to promote and ensure integrity, security, honesty, and fairness in the operation and administration of the Lottery.

(b) In decisions relating to advertising and promotion of the California State Lottery, the commission shall ensure that the California State Lottery complies with both the letter and spirit of the



laws governing false and misleading advertising, including Section 17500 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code. The commission shall also ensure that the overall estimated odds of winning some prize or prizes in a particular lottery game are posted on all television and print advertising, exclusive of outdoor advertising displays, signs, or banners, related to that game.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act furthers the purpose of the California State Lottery Act of 1984 enacted by Proposition 37 at the November 6, 1984, general election.

