

CHAPTER 349A

STATE LOTTERY

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Subdivision 1. **Director.** A state lottery is established under the supervision and control of the director of the state lottery appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The director must be qualified by experience and training in the operation of a lottery to supervise the lottery. The director serves in the unclassified service. The annual salary rate authorized for the director is equal to 85 percent of the salary rate prescribed for the governor.

[For text of subs 2 to 5, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 6. **Employees; background checks.** The director shall conduct background checks, or request the director of alcohol and gambling enforcement to conduct background checks, on all prospective employees who are finalists, and shall require that all employees of the lottery be fingerprinted. No person may be employed by the lottery who has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving fraud or misrepresentation within five years of starting employment with the lottery, or has ever been convicted of a gambling-related offense. The director has access to all criminal history data compiled by the division of alcohol and gambling enforcement on employees and prospective employees of the lottery. The director may employ necessary persons pending the completion of a background check.

Subd. 7. **Assistance.** (a) The director may request any other department or agency of the state, including the division of alcohol and gambling enforcement, to provide reasonable assistance to the director in carrying out the director's duties. All provision of services to the director from another state agency, must be by agreement made between the director and the agency. An agreement must include provisions specifying the duration of the services, the assignment of personnel of other agencies to provide the services, the determination of the cost of the services, and the transfer, from the lottery operations account to the agency, of funds sufficient to pay the costs of the services.

(b) The director may enter into agreements with the commissioner of finance for the purpose of making payroll and other financial transactions.

History: 1997 c 129 art 2 s 15; 2Sp1997 c 3 s 15

349A.06 LOTTERY RETAILERS.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 4. **Criminal history.** The director may request the director of alcohol and gambling enforcement to investigate all applicants for lottery retailer contracts to determine their compliance with the requirements of subdivision 2. The director may issue a temporary contract, valid for not more than 90 days, to an applicant pending the completion of the investigation or a final determination of qualifications under this section. The director has access to all criminal history data compiled by the director of alcohol and gambling enforcement on any person (1) holding or applying for a retailer contract, (2) any person holding a lottery vendor contract or who has submitted a bid on such a contract, and (3) any person applying for employment with the lottery.

[For text of subs 5 to 11, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 129 art 2 s 15

349A.07 VENDOR CONTRACTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 2. Investigation of potential vendors. The director shall request the director of the division of alcohol and gambling enforcement to investigate the background, financial responsibility, security, and integrity of any person who submits a bid, proposal, or offer as part of a lottery procurement contract issuance by the director. The director may require the person making the bid, proposal, or offer to pay for the cost of the investigation. Any fee collected under this subdivision must be deposited into the lottery fund. At the time of submitting any bid, proposal, or offer, the bidder shall disclose to the director the information the director considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. The director has access to all criminal history data compiled by the division of alcohol and gambling enforcement on all vendors and potential vendors who have submitted a bid to the lottery.

[For text of subs 3 to 7, see M.S.1996]

History: 1997 c 129 art 2 s 15