349A.12 PROHIBITED ACTS.

Subdivision 1. **Purchase by minors.** A person under the age of 18 years may not buy or redeem for a prize a ticket in the state lottery.

Subd. 2. **Sale to minors.** A lottery retailer may not sell and a lottery retailer or other person may not furnish or redeem for a prize a ticket in the state lottery to any person under the age of 18 years. It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this subdivision for the lottery retailer or other person to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the lottery retailer or other person reasonably and in good faith relied upon representation of proof of age described in section 340A.503, subdivision 6, in making the sale or furnishing or redeeming the ticket.

Subd. 3. **Prohibited sales.** (a) A person other than a lottery retailer may not sell a ticket in the state lottery.

(b) A lottery retailer may not sell a ticket for a price other than the price set by the director.

Subd. 4. **Lottery retailers and vendors.** A person who is a lottery retailer, or is applying to be a lottery retailer, a person applying for a contract with the director, or a person under contract with the director to supply goods or services to lottery may not pay, give, or make any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor, hospitality, or service, excluding food or beverage, having an aggregate value of over $100 in any calendar year to the director, employee of the lottery, or to a member of the immediate family residing in the same household as that person.

Subd. 5. **Exceptions.** Nothing in this chapter prohibits giving a state lottery ticket as a gift, provided that a state lottery ticket may not be given to a person under the age of 18.

Subd. 6. **Violations.** A violation of subdivision 1 or 2 or a rule adopted by the director is a misdemeanor. A violation of subdivision 3 or 4 is a gross misdemeanor.

History: *1989 c 334 art 3 s 12; 1991 c 233 s 109; 1994 c 633 art 6 s 3-6; 1995 c 254 art 1 s 88*