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## **Gambling Alert - SB 1427 Internet Lottery**



SB 1427 extends the Internet Lottery pilot program for 5 more years and essentially makes Internet Lottery permanent. **SB 1427 could be called for a vote in the Senate at any time.**

The private management company Northstar has been running the Lottery for seven years. The new Lottery director now says he's not sure the privatization model works.

Privatization was supposed to literally pave the way for better roads, bridges, and other infrastructure in Illinois, but in recent years the tepid lottery ticket sales have barely covered the legally mandated payments to subsidize schools, the *Chicago Tribune* reported today. [Read more](#)

One Lottery winner waited weeks for his online Illinois Lottery winnings. The retired police officer finally got an e-mail saying there was a glitch in the system after a CBS 2. [Read more](#)

Northstar is still on the job until a replacement firm is hired. However, the company may receive up to \$17 million in a year in "disentanglement fees" in addition to management fees of up to \$14 million annually, according to *the Associated Press*. [Read more](#)

Illinois Lottery faces a second lawsuit accusing Northstar of defrauding players after a Tribune investigation found the lottery did not award many of the biggest prizes in its largest instant ticket games. [Read more](#)

### **FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

1. Call your [State Senator](#) and ask him/her to Vote NO on HB 1427 to extend the Internet Lottery program and essentially make it permanent.
2. [Contact Governor Rauner](#) and ask him to oppose extending Internet Lottery. **This "pilot program has been operating for 5 years, with no effort to show the impact on families or the cost to the State.**
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