

Lottery for Localities Discussion

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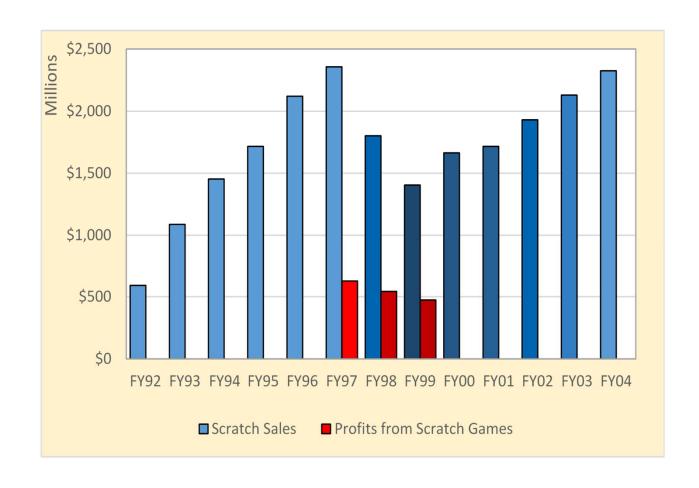


Lottery Observations/Concerns

- " Lottery is not taking a position
- Constitution requires all lottery proceeds go to K-12 education
- " Lottery statute gives 5-member Lottery Board authority to set prizes
- "Virginia Lottery cannot change prize structure of national games such as Powerball
- "Virginia's current prize payout is 60.6%; national average is 62%
- " Players will feel a 5% decrease, which = 8.3% fewer prizes
- Decrease in prize payout could result in 15% decline in sales and profits



Texas Lottery Example





Virginia Experience





Risks

- "Lottery products are not a necessity, players can choose to stop playing
- " K-12 funding may drop by hundreds of millions of dollars
- " Lottery retailers will be impacted statewide
- " Lottery retailers on Virginia's borders may be impacted dramatically
 - . If players buy their lottery tickets in NC, MD, DC, TN, WV or KY, they will likely also buy gas and other convenience items there too
- The payout reduction cannot be disguised and even if it could, we have a duty to fully disclose our prize payouts