

Public Law 96-90
96th Congress

An Act

Oct. 23, 1979

[H.R. 1301]

To amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow the transportation or mailing to a foreign country of material concerning a lottery authorized by that foreign country, and for other purposes.

Lottery
material,
transportation
or mailing to a
foreign country.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) subsection (b) of section 1307 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended by striking out "mailing to addresses within" and all that follows through the end of such subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "mailing—

"(1) to addresses within a State of equipment, tickets, or material concerning a lottery which is conducted by that State acting under the authority of State law; or

"(2) to an addressee within a foreign country of equipment, tickets, or material designed to be used within that foreign country in a lottery which is authorized by the law of that foreign country."

(b) Subsection (c) of section 1307 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" after "of this section"; and

(2) by inserting "; and (2) 'foreign country' means any empire, country, dominion, colony, or protectorate, or any subdivision thereof (other than the United States, its territories or possessions)" before the period.

SEC. 2. Section 1953 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking out the period at the end of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following: " or (5) the transportation in foreign commerce to a destination in a foreign country of equipment, tickets, or materials designed to be used within that foreign country in a lottery which is authorized by the laws of that foreign country."; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(d) For the purposes of this section (1) 'State' means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States; and (2) 'foreign country' means any empire, country, dominion, colony, or protectorate, or any subdivision thereof (other than the United States, its territories or possessions).

"State."

"Foreign
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“(e) For the purposes of this section ‘lottery’ means the pooling of proceeds derived from the sale of tickets or chances and allotting those proceeds or parts thereof by chance to one or more chance takers or ticket purchasers. ‘Lottery’ does not include the placing or accepting of bets or wagers on sporting events or contests.”

“Lottery.”

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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