

It would not prohibit such devices when utilized for the purpose of purchasing a lottery ticket, ascertaining whether a winning preprinted ticket was purchased or on-site validation of winning tickets. This exception from the prohibition would cover instant win tickets and on-line lottery ticket dispensing devices and validation devices for such tickets when prizes are to be paid at the retail location and that is necessary in order to be able to operate the other types of lottery. I guess I'm offering this amendment for the purpose of not only because of my concern about the video itself. There are a number of reasons. One of them is that recent polls have told us about Nebraskans' attitudes toward a video lottery which indicates that 69 percent of Nebraskans oppose a video lottery and in that same poll they did support though an instant scratch-off ticket or Lotto America type lottery, such as was originally the idea that was behind the constitutional provision. Last November, the citizens of this state voted on an issue which was called measure 404. As you recall, it was purported as being a state lottery, state video lottery, actually, but when it was...actually, the education came out on the issue, became aware that, in fact, this was not a state run and regulated lottery, I think that was part of the issue, but I'm not sure but what maybe they were also voting against what they perceived as being a video lottery. We all know that video lottery is more addictive, in any of the literature that you can obtain in this area, you know that it's more addictive than other types of gambling. They're designed, really, to separate a player from his money in the shortest amount of time. And we also know that of all of the problems that go along with it, such as the opportunity for illegal kinds of gambling, and we can argue that point and say, well, there is already illegal gambling in the state, we've been told that in the media because of what the Department of Revenue has told us, for one thing. But we also know that this is an invitation as it has been in other states where you have a video lottery where you invite in other types of organized crime. Now, in Nebraska, I don't know how bad that would get. But still it's an opening of the door to that type of thing. And, for this, among other reasons, I'm standing here, probably alone on the floor, but I think this body needs to provide clear guidance to the voters of this state that a video lottery should not include...excuse me, a state lottery should not include a video lottery and I'm asking for the remainder of the body to let me know how you feel on this issue because I'm sure there's going to be plenty of debate on it.