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Dear valued partners,

On June 23, 2011, Governor Tom Corbett signed into law Senate Bill 1006, legislation that bans the possession, use and sale of synthetic designer drugs including the dangerous substance known as "bath salts." This law took effect Aug. 23, 2011.

You may be approached by individuals asking you to sell these products, under a variety of names, in your store. Please be aware that selling these dangerous and deadly drugs can lead to the suspension and termination of your Lottery license at the store in question and any other stores in which you have ownership. Given the Lottery's commitment to social responsibility, we do not want Lottery products affiliated with such illegal drugs, and we believe it inappropriate for state government to continue a compensatory relationship with a business that could be using state dollars to support illegal activity.

When the Lottery becomes aware of any situation that calls a retailer's character, experience or general fitness into question – law enforcement attention, criminal charges, etc. – the Lottery immediately takes steps to temporarily suspend the Lottery license and notify the retailer of the opportunity to present information to justify reinstatement of the license. If sufficient information justifying reinstatement of the license doesn't come to light, the Lottery will permanently terminate the license to sell Lottery products.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping these dangerous substances out of Pennsylvania communities, and thank you for all you do to help the Pennsylvania Lottery generate funding for programs benefiting older Pennsylvanians.

Best in selling,

Todd Rucci, Executive Director Pennsylvania Lottery