

**§ 1303. Postmaster or employee as lottery agent<sup>1</sup>**

Whoever, being an officer or employee of the Postal Service, acts as agent for any lottery of-  
fice, or under color of purchase or otherwise,  
vends lottery tickets, or knowingly sends by  
mail or delivers any letter, package, postal card,  
circular, or pamphlet advertising any lottery,  
gift enterprise, or similar scheme, offering  
prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or  
chance, or any ticket, certificate, or instrument  
representing any chance, share, or interest in or  
dependent upon the event of any lottery, gift en-  
terprise, or similar scheme offering prizes de-  
pendent in whole or in part upon lot or chance,  
or any list of the prizes awarded by means of  
any such scheme, shall be fined under this title  
or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.  
(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 763; Pub. L. 91-375,  
§6(j)(10), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 778; Pub. L.  
103-322, title XXXIII, §330016(1)(B), Sept. 13, 1994,  
108 Stat. 2146.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18 U.S.C., 1940 ed., §337 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch.  
321, §214, 35 Stat. 1130). Minor changes were made in  
phraseology.

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-322 substituted “fined under this  
title” for “fined not more than \$100”.

1970—Pub. L. 91-375 substituted “an officer or em-  
ployee of the Postal Service” for “a postmaster or  
other person employed in the Postal Service”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-375 effective within 1 year  
after Aug. 12, 1970, on date established thereby by the  
Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service  
and published by it in the Federal Register, see section  
15(a) of Pub. L. 91-375, set out as an Effective Date note  
preceding section 101 of Title 39, Postal Service.

**§ 1304. Broadcasting lottery information**

Whoever broadcasts by means of any radio or  
television station for which a license is required  
by any law of the United States, or whoever, op-  
erating any such station, knowingly permits the  
broadcasting of, any advertisement of or infor-  
mation concerning any lottery, gift enterprise,  
or similar scheme, offering prizes dependent in  
whole or in part upon lot or chance, or any list  
of the prizes drawn or awarded by means of any  
such lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme, whether  
said list contains any part or all of such prizes,  
shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not  
more than one year, or both.

Each day’s broadcasting shall constitute a  
separate offense.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 763; Pub. L.  
100-625, §3(a)(4), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3206; Pub.  
L. 103-322, title XXXIII, §330016(1)(H), Sept. 13,  
1994, 108 Stat. 2147.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on section 316 of title 47, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Tele-  
graphs, Telephones, and Radiotelegraphs (June 19, 1934,  
ch. 652, §316, 48 Stat. 1088).

Words “upon conviction thereof” were deleted as sur-  
plusage since punishment can be imposed only after a  
conviction.

<sup>1</sup>Section catchline was not amended to conform to change  
made in the text by Pub. L. 91-375.

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-322 substituted “fined under this  
title” for “fined not more than \$1,000”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-625 inserted “or television” after  
“radio” in first sentence.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 5 of Pub. L. 100-625 provided that: “The  
amendments made by this Act [amending this section  
and section 1307 of this title and section 3005 of Title 39,  
Postal Service] shall take effect 18 months after the  
date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 7, 1988].”

**§ 1305. Fishing contests**

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply  
with respect to any fishing contest not con-  
ducted for profit wherein prizes are awarded for  
the specie, size, weight, or quality of fish caught  
by contestants in any bona fide fishing or rec-  
reational event.

(Added Aug. 16, 1950, ch. 722, §1, 64 Stat. 451.)

**§ 1306. Participation by financial institutions**

Whoever knowingly violates section 5136A<sup>1</sup> of  
the Revised Statutes of the United States, sec-  
tion 9A of the Federal Reserve Act, or section 20  
of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be  
fined under this title or imprisoned not more  
than one year, or both.

(Added Pub. L. 90-203, §5(a), Dec. 15, 1967, 81  
Stat. 611; amended Pub. L. 101-73, title IX,  
§962(b), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 502; Pub. L. 103-322,  
title XXXIII, §330016(1)(H), Sept. 13, 1994, 108  
Stat. 2147.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5136A of the Revised Statutes of the United  
States, referred to in text, was renumbered section  
5136B and a new section 5136A was added by Pub. L.  
106-102, title I, §121(a), Nov. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1373. Sec-  
tions 5136A and 5136B of the Revised Statutes are class-  
ified to sections 24a and 25a, respectively, of Title 12,  
Banks and Banking.

Section 9A of the Federal Reserve Act, referred to in  
text, is classified to section 339 of Title 12.

Section 20 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, re-  
ferred to in text, is classified to section 1829a of Title  
12.

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-322 substituted “fined under this  
title” for “fined not more than \$1,000”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-73 struck out reference to section  
410 of the National Housing Act.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Apr. 1, 1968, see section 6 of Pub. L.  
90-203, set out as a note under section 25a of Title 12,  
Banks and Banking.

**§ 1307. Exceptions relating to certain advertise-  
ments and other information and to State-  
conducted lotteries**

(a) The provisions of sections 1301, 1302, 1303,  
and 1304 shall not apply to—

(1) an advertisement, list of prizes, or other  
information concerning a lottery conducted by  
a State acting under the authority of State  
law which is—

<sup>1</sup>See References in Text note below.