

prise, or similar scheme, other than one described in paragraph (1), that is authorized or not otherwise prohibited by the State in which it is conducted and which is—

- (A) conducted by a not-for-profit organization or a governmental organization; or
- (B) conducted as a promotional activity by a commercial organization and is clearly occasional and ancillary to the primary business of that organization.

(b) The provisions of sections 1301, 1302, and 1303 shall not apply to the transportation or 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.

(c) 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).

(d) For the purposes of subsection (b) 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. For purposes of this section, the term a “not-for-profit organization” means any organization that would qualify as tax exempt under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(Added Pub. L. 93-583, §1, Jan. 2, 1975, 88 Stat. 1916; amended Pub. L. 94-525, §1, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2478; Pub. L. 96-90, §1, Oct. 23, 1979, 93 Stat. 698; Pub. L. 100-625, §§2(a), (b), 3(a)(1), (3), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3205, 3206.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, referred to in subsec. (d), is classified to section 501 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-625, §3(a)(1), substituted “Exceptions relating to certain advertisements and other information and to State-conducted lotteries” for “State-conducted lotteries” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-625, §2(a), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “The provisions of sections 1301, 1302, 1303, and 1304 shall not apply to an advertisement, list of prizes, or information concerning a lottery conducted by a State acting under the authority of State law—

“(1) contained in a newspaper published in that State or in an adjacent State which conducts such a lottery, or

“(2) broadcast by a radio or television station licensed to a location in that State or an adjacent State which conducts such a lottery.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-625, §§2(b), 3(a)(3), inserted “subsection (b) of” after “purposes of” and inserted at

end “For purposes of this section, the term a ‘not-for-profit organization’ means any organization that would qualify as tax exempt under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”

1979—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-90, §1(a), incorporated existing provision in text designated cl. (1), included mailing of equipment, and added cl. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-90, §1(b), designated existing text as cl. (1) and added cl. (2).

1976—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 94-525 inserted “or in an adjacent State which conducts such a lottery” after “State”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-625 effective 18 months after Nov. 7, 1988, see section 5 of Pub. L. 100-625, set out as a note under section 1304 of this title.

SEVERABILITY

Pub. L. 100-625, §4, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3206, provided that: “If any provision of this Act or the amendments made by this Act [amending sections 1304 and 1307 of this title and section 3005 of Title 39, Postal Service, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1301 and 1304 of this title], or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances, shall not be affected by such invalidation.”

CHAPTER 63—MAIL FRAUD AND OTHER FRAUD OFFENSES

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AMENDMENTS

2009—Pub. L. 111-21, §2(e)(2), May 20, 2009, 123 Stat. 1618, inserted “and commodities” after “Securities” in item 1348.

2008—Pub. L. 110-457, title II, §222(e)(1), (3), Dec. 23, 2008, 122 Stat. 5070, 5071, inserted “AND OTHER FRAUD OFFENSES” after “MAIL FRAUD” in chapter heading and added item 1351.

2002—Pub. L. 107-204, title VIII, §807(b), title IX, §§902(b), 906(b), July 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 804-806, added items 1348 to 1350.

1996—Pub. L. 104-191, title II, §242(a)(2), Aug. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2016, added item 1347.

1990—Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXV, §3541, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4925, substituted “or” for “and” in item 1342.

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7603(b), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4508, added item 1346.

1984—Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §§1108(b), 1205(b), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2147, 2153, added items 1344 and 1345.

1952—Act July 16, 1952, ch. 879, §18(b), 66 Stat. 722, added item 1343.

§ 1341. Frauds and swindles

Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, or to sell, dispose of, loan, exchange, alter, give away, distribute, supply, or furnish or pro-