

(c) [Subject to the approval] WITH THE ADVICE of the Commission, appoint such professional, technical and clerical assistants and employees as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Agency by this article, who shall be classified employees of the State merit system. However, those professional employees of the marketing division of the Agency, who have been so employed for at least 12 months prior to July 1, 1975, and who have been designated by the director with the approval of the Secretary of Personnel, shall be classified employees of the State merit system.

(d) Act as secretary and executive officer of the Commission.

(e) In accordance with the provisions of this article and the rules of the [Commission] AGENCY, AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, to license as agents to sell lottery tickets persons who will best serve the public convenience and promote the sale of tickets or shares. The director shall require a bond from every licensed agent, in such amount as provided in the rules of the [Commission] AGENCY, AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION. Every licensed agent shall prominently display his license, or a copy thereof, as provided in the rules of the [Commission] AGENCY, AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

(f) Shall confer regularly as necessary or desirable and not less than once every month with the Commission on the operation and administration of the lottery; shall make available for inspection by the Commission upon request, all **books, records, files, and other information and documents of the Agency**-}-; shall advise the Commission and recommend such matters as he deems necessary and advisable to improve the operation and administration of the lottery-}-.

(g) -}-Recommend to the Commission that it suspend-}- **SUSPEND** or revoke any license issued pursuant to this article or the rules adopted hereunder.

(h) -}-Subject to the approval-}- ~~WITH-THE--ADVICE~~ of the Commission and **SUBJECT** to any applicable laws relating to **public contracts**, to enter into contracts for the operation of the lottery, or any part thereof, and into contracts for the promotion of the lottery. All contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, and shall be let for such period of years, not exceeding three, as the -}-Commission-}- **DIRECTOR** may determine. [No] A contract awarded or entered into by the director may NOT be assigned by the holder thereof except by specific approval of the -}-Commission-}- **DIRECTOR**.

(i) To certify monthly to the State Comptroller and the Commission a full and complete statement of lottery revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses for the preceding month.