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SENATE BILL DRS45192-MQ-35

Short Title: Allow Lottery Winners To Be Confidential. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNERS TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS
3 CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 18C-132 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 18C-132. Procedures for drawings and claiming prizes; payment of prizes; protection
7 of information concerning certain prize winners.

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9 (h) The right of any person to a prize shall not be assignable. Payment of any prize may
10 be paid to a person designated pursuant to a court order. Any prize or portion of a prize remaining
11 unpaid at the death of a prize winner shall be paid to the estate of the deceased prize winner or
12 to the trustee of a trust established by the prize winner or as designated in the deceased prize
13 winner's will, living trust, or other prepared legal instrument if a copy of the trust document or
14 instrument has been filed with the Director, and no written notice of revocation has been received
15 by the Director prior to the prize winner's death.

16 (i) No ticket or share in a lottery game shall be purchased by, and no prize shall be paid
17 to, a member of the Commission, the Director, or employee of the Commission, or to any spouse,
18 parent, or child living in the same household as a person disqualified by this subsection.

19 (j) No prize shall be paid to a person under the age of 18.

20 (j1) If requested by the prize winner, the ~~identity-identifying~~ information of a prize winner
21 of ~~fifty-one~~ million dollars (~~\$50,000,000~~) (~~\$1,000,000~~) or more shall be treated as confidential
22 information under G.S. 132-1.2(8) ~~until 90 days after the winner has claimed the prize.~~ except to
23 the extent required to do the following:

24 (1) Notify the North Carolina Department of Revenue to comply with subsection
25 (l) of this section.

26 (2) Notify the Internal Revenue Service.

27 (3) Notify the tax authorities of the state of residence of the prize winner.

28 (4) Comply with the debt set-off program under G.S. 18C-134 and Chapter 105A
29 of the General Statutes.

30 (5) Comply with Article 31 of Chapter 1 of the General Statutes concerning
31 supplemental proceedings against a judgment debtor.

32 (6) Comply with a court order.

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34 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

