THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1017 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, HUGHES, BROWNE, WAUGH, STACK, SCHWANK, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, WOZNIAK, VULAKOVICH, BRUBAKER, MENSCH, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY AND VANCE, JUNE 17, 2013

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 17, 2013

AN ACT

| 1 2 3 | Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for lottery winnings intercept. |
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| 4 | The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania |
| 5 | hereby enacts as follows: |
| 6 | Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated |
| 7 | Statutes is amended by adding a section to read: |
| 8 | § 9778. Lottery winnings intercept. |
| 9 | (a) Investigation and deduction |
| 10 | (1) In the case of any person winning more than \$2,500 |
| 11 | in the Pennsylvania State Lottery, the Department of Revenue |
| 12 | shall request the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania |
| 13 | Courts to make all reasonable efforts to determine if the |
| 14 | person owes any restitution as a result of a criminal |
| 15 | conviction in this Commonwealth prior to making any lottery |
| 16 | winnings payment. |
| 17 | (2) If the person is found to owe any restitution, the |
| 18 | amount shall be deducted from the amount of lottery winnings |

- and paid to the obligee in the manner provided by law for the
- 2 administration of payments of court fines, fees or costs.
- 3 (b) Intercept required.--
- 4 (1) The Department of Revenue shall periodically review
- 5 <u>information provided by the Administrative Office of the</u>
- 6 Pennsylvania Courts that identifies persons with outstanding
- 7 restitution.
- 8 (2) Prior to any payment of winnings, the Department of
- 9 Revenue shall intercept and remit winnings of a person owing
- 10 restitution to the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania
- 11 <u>Courts for distribution pursuant to law.</u>
- 12 <u>(c) Right to review.--A person whose lottery prize is used</u>
- 13 to satisfy an obligation under this section may appeal to the
- 14 Department of Revenue in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to
- 15 <u>administrative law and procedure</u>). The appeal must be filed
- 16 within 30 days after the person is notified by the Department of
- 17 Revenue that the prize has been reduced or totally withheld to
- 18 satisfy the person's outstanding restitution.
- 19 (d) Rules and regulations. -- The Department of Revenue and
- 20 the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts shall, in
- 21 the manner provided by law, jointly promulgate the rules and
- 22 regulations necessary to carry out this section.
- 23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.