

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2743 Session of
1986

INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, SEPTEMBER 23, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, SEPTEMBER 23, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled
2 "An act providing for a State Lottery and administration
3 thereof; authorizing the creation of a State Lottery
4 Commission; prescribing its powers and duties; disposition of
5 funds; violations and penalties therefor; exemption of prizes
6 from State and local taxation and making an appropriation,"
7 providing that certain persons who win lottery prizes shall
8 be required to make payment to the Department of Public
9 Welfare.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91),
13 known as the State Lottery Law, is amended by adding a section
14 to read:

15 Section 8.1. Cash Assistance Recipients.--(a) Any person
16 who wins a lottery prize of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more
17 and received cash assistance within the previous seven years
18 shall be required to reimburse the Department of Public Welfare
19 for the Commonwealth share of the cash assistance, up to the
20 amount of the lottery prize won.

21 (b) Prior to the payment of any prize of five hundred

1 dollars (\$500) or more from the State Lottery Fund, the
2 secretary shall cause a search to be made of the records of the
3 Bureau of Cash Assistance of the Department of Public Welfare.
4 If a prize winner is currently delinquent in payments to the
5 Department of Public Welfare, the secretary shall offset the
6 amount of the delinquency against the amount of the prize. The
7 secretary shall deduct from the prize, and draw his warrants for
8 the amount offset in favor of the Department of Public Welfare
9 for payment of the delinquency and, for any balance, in favor of
10 the prizewinner.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.