

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1215 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY FONTANA, SABATINA, BREWSTER, WARD, COSTA AND RAFFERTY, MAY 2, 2016

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MAY 2, 2016

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 in State Lottery, further providing for disposition of funds.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 311 of the act of August 26, 1971  
 11 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, renumbered and  
 12 amended November 21, 1996 (P.L.741, No.134), is amended to read:  
 13 Section 311. Disposition of funds.

14 (a) State Lottery Fund.--All moneys received from the  
 15 operation of the State lottery shall be deposited in a State  
 16 Lottery Fund which is hereby created. Such moneys shall be used  
 17 to the extent necessary for the payment of lottery prizes but  
 18 the amount so used shall not be less than 40% of the amount of  
 19 which tickets or shares have been sold. All payments of lottery  
 20 prizes and for expenses of operation of the lottery shall be

1 made as provided by law. All moneys remaining after payment of  
2 prizes and operating expenses shall remain in the State Lottery  
3 Fund and shall be allocated for the purpose of providing  
4 property tax relief for the elderly for taxes paid [in 1971 and  
5 thereafter pursuant to the provisions of the act of March 11,  
6 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and  
7 Assistance Act,] pursuant to the provisions of the act of June  
8 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer  
9 Relief Act, and for the purpose of providing free or reduced  
10 fare transit service for the elderly pursuant to Chapter 9 and  
11 the act of February 11, 1976 (P.L.14, No.10), known as the  
12 Pennsylvania Rural and Intercity Common Carrier Surface  
13 Transportation Assistance Act. In the event sufficient funds are  
14 not available from the lottery receipts to meet the requirements  
15 of the Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act or for  
16 providing free or reduced fare transit service for the elderly  
17 under Chapter 9 and the Pennsylvania Rural and Intercity Common  
18 Carrier Surface Transportation Assistance Act, additional funds  
19 to fulfill these obligations shall be appropriated from the  
20 General Fund for this purpose.

21 (b) Appropriations.--The moneys in said State Lottery Fund  
22 shall be appropriated only:

23 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning  
24 lottery tickets or shares.

25 (2) For the expenses of the division in its operation of  
26 the lottery.

27 (3) For property tax relief and free or reduced fare  
28 transit service for the elderly as provided under subsection  
29 (a).

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