

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SOLOMON, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS AND D. COSTA, APRIL 12, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, APRIL 12, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in general provisions, providing for unclaimed  
3 winnings and prizes.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes  
7 is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1104. Unclaimed winnings and prizes.

9 (a) Effect of unclaimed winnings and prizes.--

10 (1) Winnings and prizes earned by a player from gaming  
11 activity at a licensed facility that remain unclaimed one  
12 year after the date on which the winnings and prizes are  
13 earned shall be paid immediately by the licensed gaming  
14 entity to the Secretary of Revenue for deposit into the State  
15 Lottery Fund.

16 (2) After expiration of the one-year time period  
17 described in paragraph (1), the player that earned the  
18 winnings or prizes shall forfeit all right, title and

1 interest to the winnings and prizes.

2 (b) Civil immunity.--A licensed gaming entity shall be  
3 immune from civil liability for complying, in good faith, with  
4 the licensed gaming entity's duty under this section.

5 (c) Inapplicable law.--Winnings and prizes described under  
6 subsection (a) shall not be deemed abandoned and unclaimed  
7 property subject to the provisions of Article XIII.1 of the act  
8 of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code.

9 Section 2. This act shall apply to winnings and prizes  
10 earned by players at licensed gaming entities after the  
11 effective date of this section.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.