

Legislative Analysis



ALLOW LOTTERY WINNERS TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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House Bill 4585

Sponsor: Rep. Wayne Schmidt

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4585 AS INTRODUCED 4-27-11

Under Section 25 of the McCauley-Traxler-Law-Bowman-McNeely Lottery Act, the Bureau of State Lottery is prohibited from disclosing the name, address, or any personal information concerning the winner of a prize greater than \$10,000 from the State Lottery, unless the winner provides written authorization for the disclosure. This information is also exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

However, the Lottery Commissioner or an employee of the Bureau of State Lottery can disclose the name, address, and other personal information concerning a winner under a game played as part of a "joint enterprise" as required under the joint enterprise participation agreement (such as the multi-state Mega Millions and Powerball games).

House Bill 4585 would amend the Lottery Act to prohibit the Bureau of State Lottery from disclosing the name, address, or any other personal information concerning a winner of a game played under a joint enterprise unless the winner provides written authorization for the disclosure. It also exempts the information protected against disclosure from the Freedom of Information Act.

"Joint enterprise" means any lottery activity in which the bureau participates under a written agreement between the State of Michigan and any state, territory, country, or other sovereignty as executed by the commissioner.

MCL 432.25

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery, the bill would have a negative fiscal impact as it relates to the Bureau's ability to generate publicity and advertise prizes won for Mega Millions and Powerball. The Bureau of State Lottery has indicated that this will likely have a negative impact on sales. There would be no administrative costs associated with provisions of the bill.

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