



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 146 Printer's No. 121

Prime Sponsor: Senator Boscola
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to intercept lottery winnings to pay outstanding court-ordered obligations, such as restitution, fines, and costs.

SUMMARY:

Currently, the Department of Revenue may not pay out lottery winnings more than \$2,500 without first determining whether the lottery winner is a child support obligor. This bill requires the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, to determine before paying out any lottery winnings more than \$2,500 whether the winner owes court-ordered obligations, such as restitution, fines, and costs.

If the person is found to owe court-ordered obligations, then the Department of Revenue must deduct the amount of the obligations from the lottery winnings and remit that amount to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. A person whose lottery winnings are used to satisfy court-ordered obligations may appeal to the Department of Revenue within 30 days after notice of the deduction by the Department. The Department of Revenue may establish a fee to cover the administrative costs associated with this interception of court-ordered obligations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill is effective in ninety days.

BILL HISTORY:

None.

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