

By Mr. Shannon (by request), petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 380) of Joseph Mazzicato, Jr., for legislation to provide for the establishment of a lottery funded by the deposits on returned beverage containers. Government Regulations.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STATE LOTTERY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a state lottery prize  
2 to be funded by the current five cent deposit, and the additional  
3 revenue created by the increased recycling of aluminum cans,  
4 plastics and glass containers, soda cans, beer bottles, etc., with  
5 additional material to be added as the system evolves. Currently  
6 the forty to fifty percent which is now recycled would be increased  
7 to ninety to one hundred percent with the proper incentive given  
8 to the public.

1 SECTION 2. Such a lottery system shall be implemented by  
2 allowing a person to return recyclables and play a lottery, no  
3 currency allowed.

4 Such a person shall be issued a lottery ticket computer selected,  
5 in return for every ten recyclables returned. The person would be  
6 given the choice of getting his fifty cents back, or opting instead  
7 for a lottery ticket. The lottery pool would grow larger as each  
8 individual opted to play. The amount of the prize would vary week  
9 to week, by the amount of people playing during any given week,  
10 and the amount of material recycled; naturally the prize getting  
11 larger as more material get recycled. This pool could grow from  
12 many thousands of dollars to possible millions if enough people  
13 participate.

1 SECTION 3. BENEFITS: We as a society would end up with  
 2 street and highways and parks, cleaner, reduced need for landfill  
 3 as more material would be recycled. A boost to the economy, as  
 4 prize winners would spend winnings on consumable goods, such  
 5 as cars, travel homes, etc., putting more people to work, which  
 6 may decrease welfare spending. Lastly a cleaner environment for  
 7 your children and grandchildren.