

SENATE No. 433

By Mr. Shannon, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 433) of Charles E. Shannon, Vincent P. Ciampa, Joseph A. Mazzicato, Jr., Paul C. Casey, Anthony P. Giglio, Alvin E. Thompson and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., for legislation to provide for the establishment of a lottery fund by the deposits on returned beverage containers. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FOR LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOTTERY FUND BY THE DEPOSITS ON RETURNED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

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 gets 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 streets 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.