

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to authorize the State Lottery Commission to withhold prize money from holders of winning tickets if the holder owes a debt to the Commonwealth or a city or town. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF CERTAIN DEBTS OWED TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BY THE LOTTERY COMMISSION.

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. The first sentence of section 28 of chapter 10 of
2 the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 460 of the
3 acts of 1993, is hereby further amended by adding the
4 following:— or to a city or town or state agency as provided for in
5 section twenty-eight B.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 10 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 28A the following section: —

3 Section 28B. Prior to disbursement of a prize in excess of six
4 hundred dollars, the commission shall review information fur-
5 nished by agencies of the commonwealth as set forth in chapter
6 twenty-nine or by cities and towns as set forth in chapter forty, to
7 ascertain whether the holder of a winning ticket owes any debt to
8 an agency of the commonwealth or a city or town. If the holder so
9 owes, the commission shall notify the agency or city or town of
10 the holder's name, address and social security number.
11 Subsequent to statutory state and federal tax withholding, the
12 commission shall disburse to the state agency or city or town the
13 full amount of the prize or such portion of the prize that satisfies
14 the holders amount owed. The commission shall disburse to the

15 holder only that portion of the prize, if any, remaining after the
16 holder's amount owed has been satisfied.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 29G the following section: —

3 Section 29H. The officer having charge of any state agency is
4 hereby authorized to notify the state lottery commission of the
5 name, address or social security number of any person owing a
6 debt to the commonwealth so that said commission may withhold
7 any prize due such person under the provisions of section twenty-
8 eight B of chapter ten.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 57 the following section: —

3 Section 57A. Cities and towns are hereby authorized to notify
4 the state lottery commission of the name, address and social secu-
5 rity number of any person owing a debt to said city or town so that
6 said commission may withhold any prize due such person under
7 the provisions of section twenty-eight B of chapter ten.