

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to state lotteries; amending s.  
 3           24.115, F.S.; requiring the Department of the Lottery  
 4           to place lottery prizes in an escrow account for 1  
 5           year under certain circumstances; requiring the  
 6           appropriate state agency and the judicial branch to  
 7           notify the department of specified criminal  
 8           convictions; providing an effective date.

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 10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 24.115, Florida  
 13           Statutes, is amended, and subsections (5) and (6) are added to  
 14           that section, to read:

15           24.115 Payment of prizes.—

16           (4) ~~It is the responsibility of the appropriate state~~  
 17           ~~agency and of the judicial branch to identify to the department,~~  
 18           ~~in the form and format prescribed by the department, persons~~  
 19           ~~owing an outstanding debt to any state agency or owing child~~  
 20           ~~support collected through a court, including spousal support or~~  
 21           ~~alimony for the spouse or former spouse of the obligor if the~~  
 22           ~~child support obligation is being enforced by the Department of~~  
 23           ~~Revenue.~~ Prior to the payment of a prize of \$600 or more to any  
 24           claimant owing having such an outstanding debt to any state  
 25           agency or owing child support collected through a court,  
 26           including spousal support or alimony for the spouse or former

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27 spouse of the obligor if the child support obligation is being  
28 enforced by the Department of Revenue ~~obligation~~, the department  
29 shall transmit the amount of the debt to the agency claiming the  
30 debt and shall authorize payment of the balance to the prize  
31 winner after deduction of the debt. If a prize winner owes  
32 multiple debts subject to offset under this subsection and the  
33 prize is insufficient to cover all such debts, the amount of the  
34 prize shall be transmitted first to the agency claiming that  
35 past due child support is owed. If a balance of lottery prize  
36 remains after payment of past due child support, the remaining  
37 lottery prize amount shall be transmitted to other agencies  
38 claiming debts owed to the state, pro rata, based upon the ratio  
39 of the individual debt to the remaining debt owed to the state.

40 (5) The department shall place the prize of a person who  
41 has been convicted of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other sexual  
42 misconduct described in chapter 800, s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s.  
43 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145 in  
44 an escrow account for 1 year subject to the resolution of claims  
45 filed by the victims of such acts that were committed by the  
46 prize winner.

47 (6) It is the responsibility of the appropriate state  
48 agency and of the judicial branch to identify to the department,  
49 in the form and format prescribed by the department, a person  
50 who has been convicted of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other  
51 sexual misconduct as described in subsection (5), or a person  
52 owing an outstanding debt as described in subsection (4).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.