

HOUSE BILL 818

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 51, Part 1, relative to proceeds of
Tennessee lottery prizes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-123(c)(2), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto:

(D) Except as provided in subsection (i), to any person who is collecting state or federal assistance for low-income persons;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-51-123, is amended by adding the following new subsection thereto:

(i) No Families First, food stamp, WIC, TennCare or other such recipient who receives state or federal economic or medical assistance due to indigency shall be entitled to collect a lottery prize of six hundred dollars (\$600) or more. Any prize arising from the claim of a person who receives state or federal economic or medical assistance due to indigency shall constitute an unclaimed prize for the purposes of this section. Recipients of lottery scholarships or higher education tuition assistance, persons receiving benefits from programs administered by the Tennessee housing development agency, and persons receiving other state and federal financial assistance that is not based upon indigency of the person receiving such assistance are not subject to this subsection (i) or subdivision (c)(2)(D).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 51, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 4-51-1___. No person convicted of a criminal offense who is sentenced to and confined in a state or local custodial facility shall be entitled to redeem from any lottery game a winning cash ticket or share. Such cash prize shall constitute an unclaimed prize for purposes of this part.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.