

House File 161 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act concerning the withholding of names, addresses, and
- 2 personally identifiable information of certain lottery prize
- 3 winners.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 99G.34, subsection 5, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. Player name and address lists, provided that the names
4 and addresses of prize winners shall not be withheld except as
5 provided in subsection 5A.

6 Sec. 2. Section 99G.34, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
7 following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. a. Names, addresses, and all personally
9 identifiable information of prize winners, if the prize awarded
10 is one million dollars or more, and the prize winner who elects
11 to remain anonymous specifies that choice at the time of claiming
12 the lottery prize. However, if the prize winner who elects to
13 remain anonymous is a legal entity that possesses or has applied
14 for a federal employer identification number as issued by the
15 federal internal revenue service, the authorized representative
16 claiming the lottery prize on behalf of the entity must have a
17 legal interest in the entity and specify the choice of the entity
18 to remain anonymous at the time of claiming the lottery prize.

19 b. For purposes of this subsection, the amount of a lottery
20 prize is determined by the total amount of prize money paid to
21 a prize winner for a single lottery prize claim before deducting
22 any federal tax withholdings or other deductions required by law.

23 c. A prize winner's choice to remain anonymous under this
24 subsection does not prohibit the division from requiring, for
25 claim validation and lottery prize processing purposes, certain
26 government-issued identification, including but not limited to
27 a driver's license, social security card, or passport, of the
28 individual who is a prize winner, or the federal employer
29 identification number as issued by the federal internal revenue
30 service for a prize winner that is a legal entity.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 Under current law, lottery player name and address lists
35 are kept confidential unless otherwise ordered by a court,

1 by the lawful custodian of the records, or by another person
2 duly authorized to release such information, but the names and
3 addresses of lottery prize winners are not kept confidential by
4 the department of revenue. This bill provides that the name,
5 address, and personally identifiable information of a lottery
6 prize winner under Code chapter 99G shall be kept similarly
7 confidential if the prize awarded is \$1 million or more and the
8 prize winner elects to remain anonymous at the time of claiming
9 the lottery prize.

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