



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 842

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1 **AN ACT to create** 565.27 (1) (g) and 565.30 (6v) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 privacy of lottery winner.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a retailer who sold a lottery ticket, the administrator of the state lottery, and the Department of Revenue, which administers the lottery, from disclosing the name, address, or social security number of a lottery prize winner of \$1,000,000 or more for up to one year after the winner becomes entitled to the lottery prize, if the winner requests confidentiality. The bill provides exceptions where disclosure is allowed, including disclosures made to withhold taxes from the winnings, to determine whether the winner is delinquent in tax payment or court-ordered child support, to determine any withholding for child, spousal, or family support, and to determine any withholding for unpaid court judgments. Additionally, the bill exempts from the right to inspection, copying, or receipt under public records law written records of a confidential winner's name, address, or social security number for up to one year after the winner becomes entitled to the lottery prize.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 565.27 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 842**SECTION 1**

1 565.27 (1) (g) The procedure for a winner of a lottery prize or lottery share equal
2 to or greater than \$1,000,000 to request a retailer, the administrator, or the
3 department to keep his or her identity confidential under s. 565.30 (6v) for up to one
4 year after the winner becomes entitled to the lottery prize under s. 565.30 (1).

5 **SECTION 2.** 565.30 (6v) of the statutes is created to read:

6 565.30 (6v) PRIZE WINNER PRIVACY. (a) If a winner of a lottery prize or lottery
7 share equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 makes a request to the retailer,
8 administrator, or department for his or her identity as a winner to be treated as
9 confidential, the administrator, department, and retailer may not disclose the name,
10 address, or social security number of that winner for up to one year after the winner
11 becomes entitled to the lottery prize under sub. (1) except under any of the following
12 circumstances:

13 1. The disclosure is made by the retailer, administrator, or department to an
14 employee or contractor of the department for the purpose of administering the state
15 lottery.

16 2. The disclosure is made to a parent or guardian of a minor under sub. (2).

17 3. The disclosure is made for the purpose of withholding income taxes under
18 sub. (4) or is made under sub. (5), (5m), or (5r).

19 4. The disclosure is made in conjunction with a proceeding under sub. (6m) or
20 (6r).

21 (b) Written records containing the name, address, or social security number of
22 any winner of a lottery prize or lottery share equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 who
23 has requested confidentiality under par. (a) are exempt from the right to inspection,
24 copying, or receipt under s. 19.35 for up to one year after the winner becomes entitled
25 to the lottery prize under sub. (1).

