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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The 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, if the lottery prize 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 lottery prize winner’s name, address, or social security number.

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

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

565.27 (1) (g) The procedure for a winner to request a retailer, administrator, or department to keep his or her identity confidential under s. 565.30 (6v).
SECTION 2. 565.30 (6v) of the statutes is created to read:

565.30 (6v) Prize winner privacy. (a) If a winner of a lottery prize or lottery share makes a request to the retailer, administrator, or department for his or her identity as a prize winner to be treated as confidential, the administrator, department, and retailer may not disclose the name, address, or social security number of that winner except under any of the following circumstances:

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

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

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

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

(b) Written records containing the name, address, or social security number of any winner of a lottery prize or lottery share who has requested confidentiality under par. (a) are exempt from the right to inspection, copying, or receipt under s. 19.35.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to selections of winners of lottery prizes or lottery shares on the effective date of this subsection.