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Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 230

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

LOTTERIES. Provides relative to disclosure of certain information of prize claimants. (8/1/14)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $44:4.1(B)(32)$ and the introductory paragraph of R.S. $47:9006(A)$
3	and 9025(B)(6) and to enact R.S. 47:9025(G), relative to the disclosure of certain
4	information of prize claimants; to authorize lottery prize claimants to remain
5	anonymous; to provide with respect to the confidentiality of such prize claimants;
6	and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(32) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§4.1. Exceptions
10	* * *
11	B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,
12	and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised
13	statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and
14	limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by
15	citation:
16	* * *
17	(32) R.S. 47:15, 349, 633.6, 1508, 1515.3, 1516, 1524(G), 1837, 2130, 2327,

Page 1 of 3 Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

1	2605, 6036, 9006 <u>, 9025</u>
2	* * *
3	Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. $47:9006(A)$ and $9025(B)(6)$ are hereby
4	amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:9025(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
5	§9006. Records of corporation deemed open; exceptions
6	A. All records of the corporation, except as provided in R.S. 47:9025(G),
7	shall be deemed public records and subject to public inspection as provided by the
8	provisions of R.S. 44:1 et seq. unless:
9	* * *
10	§9025. Prizes taxable; withholdings from prize; verification and payment;
11	exceptions; unclaimed prize money; corporation liability; eligibility
12	to purchase ticket and receive prize
13	* * *
14	B. The board shall adopt rules to establish a system of verifying the validity
15	of tickets claimed to win prizes and to effect payment of such prizes, except that:
16	* * *
17	(6) A person holding a winning lotto ticket in the amount of six hundred
18	dollars or more from a lotto game must provide his or her name and city or area of
19	residence to the corporation to claim a prize. When the prize claimant is a legal
20	entity other than a natural person, the name and city or area of legal residence of
21	each natural person holding an interest of any kind in the legal entity shall be
22	provided to the corporation. Such information shall be deemed a public record as
23	provided in R.S. 47:9006 and may be used by the corporation for publicity purposes.
24	* * *
25	G. The name and address of any prize claimant of a winning lotto ticket
26	shall not be disclosed to the public by the Louisiana Lottery Corporation unless
27	written permission is given by the prize claimant to the corporation for such
28	disclosure.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy Wells.

DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb (SB 230)

<u>Present law</u> requires any person holding a winning lotto ticket in the amount \$600.00 or more from a lotto game to provide his or her name and city or area of residence to the corporation to claim a prize. <u>Present law</u> further requires that when the prize claimant is a legal entity other than a natural person, the name and city or area of legal residence of each natural person holding an interest of any kind in the legal entity be provided to the corporation.

<u>Present law</u> requires that such information and records of the Lottery Corporation be deemed public records as provided by law and may be used by the corporation for publicity purposes.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the name and address of any prize claimant of a winning lotto ticket from being disclosed to the public by the Louisiana Lottery Corporation unless permission is given by the prize claimant.

Present law provides exceptions to the public records law.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds the non-disclosure of any prize claimant of a winning lotto ticket to the list of exceptions to the public records law.

Effective August 1, 2014

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(32) and R.S. 47:9006(A)(intro para) and 9025(B)(6); adds R.S. 47:9025(G))