STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 30, 2017

Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to requiring the state to keep state lottery winners identities anonymous to the general public unless the lottery winner gives their consent

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 1613 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 426 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

a. It shall be the duty of the director to require that all prizes over five thousand dollars in any game be awarded to holders of winning tickets for that game as provided in this section and section sixteen hundred fourteen of this article. Within one week after any drawing or selection of prize winning lottery tickets, the division shall deliver to the comptroller a certified list of the tickets to which prizes are awarded and the amount of each such prize. Upon receipt of such certified list and voucher of the division, moneys sufficient for the payment of such prizes shall be paid to the division from the lottery prize account, upon audit and warrant of the comptroller. Moneys for the payment of lottery prizes shall be deposited by the director as provided in section sixteen hundred eleven of this article and the withdrawal of such moneys for the payment of prize winners shall be subject to a check signed by the director or such officers or employees of the division as the director may designate. The division shall each month provide the comptroller with a record of all such withdrawals from the director's accounts. Payment of prizes shall be made by the division to holders of the tickets to which prizes are awarded, except that payment of any prize drawn may be paid to the estate of a deceased prize winner, may be paid pursuant to a court order granted as a result of a proceeding as provided in subdivision d of this section, and except that any person

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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pursuant to an appropriate judicial order may be paid the prize to which the winner is entitled. **The division shall not publicly disclose the name, address or other identifying information of any holder of a winning ticket or require any winning ticket holder to perform any public actions in connection with the awarding, payment or collection of prize moneys unless a holder of a winning ticket gives consent to the division to do so.** The division shall be discharged of all further liability upon payment of a prize pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.