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Senate, No. 2400

1 AN ACT concerning lottery prizes and supplementing P.L.1970,  
2 c.13 (C.5:9-1 et seq.)  
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This bill provides that if the winner of a lottery prize greater than \$600 is indebted to any agency or institution of State Government, the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, or owes child support, the Department of the Treasury would deduct from the prize winnings the amount owed to satisfy the indebtedness. Under current law, the Department of the Treasury may deduct from lottery prize winnings:

- 1) Money that is owed from default of a student loan,
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The bill implements a recommendation of the State Auditor from the audit conducted of the Division of the State Lottery, July 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006.



Requires lottery prizes over \$600 be offset to satisfy debt owed to State government.

# SENATE, No. 2400

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator BARBARA BUONO**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman JEFF VAN DREW**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

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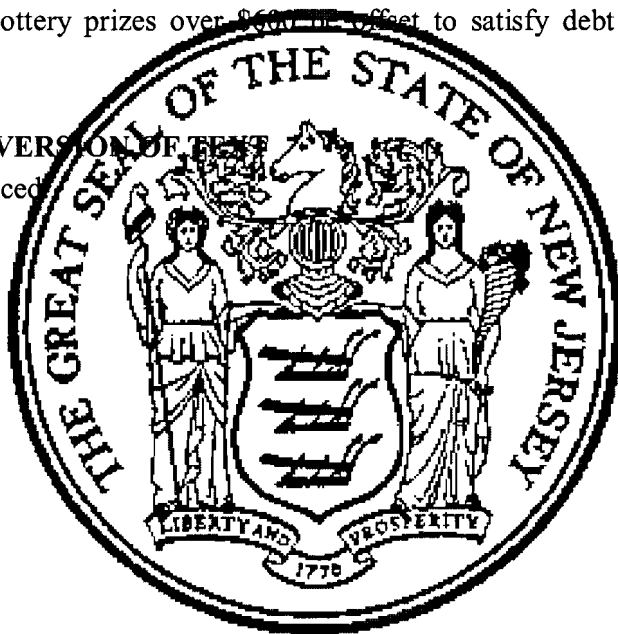
**Assemblyman P. Barnes, III**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced



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12 the audit conducted of the Division of the State Lottery, July 1,  
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SENATE WAGERING, TOURISM AND HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2400**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The Senate Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2400.

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The bill implements a recommendation of the State Auditor from the audit conducted of the Division of the State Lottery, July 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006.



# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2400

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 2007

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2400.

This bill requires the Division of the State Lottery within the Department of the Treasury to deduct from lottery prizes greater than \$600 debts owed to the State by the prize winner. Currently, the department only deducts amounts owed for defaulted student loan payments and unpaid child support obligations.

The bill implements a recommendation of the State Auditor from the audit conducted of the Division of the State Lottery, July 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects this bill will increase combined collections to the State General Fund and the State Property Tax Relief Fund by \$800,000 to \$1 million per fiscal year.

A 2006 audit of the Division of the State Lottery by the State Auditor suggested that the division could recover more debt for all State agencies if it matched winners of lottery prizes exceeding \$600 with the Division of Taxation's Set-off of Individual Liability (SOIL) database, which contains detailed records of debt owed to the State. Performing that match, the State Auditor found that the State Lottery had disbursed \$900,000 in prize money in 2005 that could have offset debt owed to the State. Since this amount may fluctuate year-on-year, the OLS anticipates the annual revenue gain under this bill to range from \$800,000 to \$1 million.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

SENATE, No. 2400

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 6, 2007

## SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires lottery prizes over \$600 be offset to satisfy debt owed to State government.
- Type of Impact:** A permanent revenue gain to the State General Fund and the State Property Tax Relief Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of the Treasury.

### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2008</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2009</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2010</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>	\$800,000 to \$1,000,000 per fiscal year		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that at present the Division of the State Lottery is only deducting amounts owed on defaulted student loans or unpaid child support obligations from lottery prizes before processing prize payments.
- In its 2006 audit of the Division of the State Lottery, the New Jersey State Auditor stated that the State could have recovered \$900,000 in debt owed in 2005 if the State Lottery had had the legal authority to deduct amounts owed to the State from lottery prizes over \$600.

## BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2400 of 2006 requires the Division of the State Lottery within the Department of the Treasury to deduct from a winner's lottery prize exceeding \$600 the amount of any debt the winner may owe to State government.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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The OLS notes that at present the State Lottery is only matching lottery winners with state records to determine if any prize winner has defaulted on student loans or child support obligations. Upon a successful match, the State Lottery deducts such amounts owed from a winner's lottery prize before processing the prize payment.

*Section: Revenue, Finance and Appropriations*  
*Analyst: Thomas Koenig*  
*Associate Fiscal Analyst*  
*Approved: David J. Rosen*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L. 1980, c.67.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2400

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 18, 2007

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2400.

The bill requires the Division of the State Lottery within the Department of the Treasury to deduct from lottery prizes greater than \$600 debts owed to the State by the prize winner. Currently, the department only deducts amounts owed for defaulted student loan payments and unpaid child support obligations.

The bill implements a recommendation of the State Auditor from the audit conducted of the Division of the State Lottery, July 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3833, as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates this bill will increase combined collections to the State General Fund and the State Property Tax Relief Fund by \$800,000 to \$1 million per fiscal year.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 3833

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 14, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JEFF VAN DREW**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

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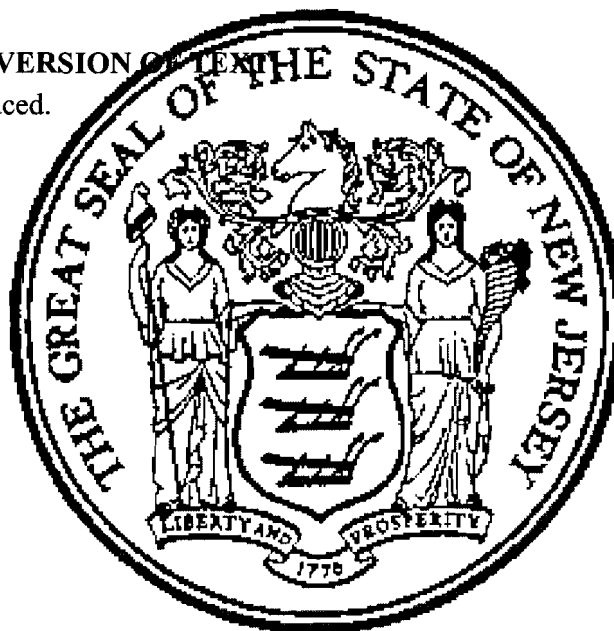
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ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3833

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 3833**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**212th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: APRIL 23, 2007

**SUMMARY**

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**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

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