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Senate Bill 1222 (as introduced 8-15-12)
Sponsor: Senator Tory Rocca
Committee: Regulatory Reform

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Lottery Act to prohibit the Lottery Commissioner or an officer or employee of the Lottery Bureau from disclosing the name, address, or other personal information about a winner of a prize in a multistate lottery game, unless the winner agreed to the disclosure.

Currently, the Commissioner and Bureau officers or employees may not disclose the name, address, or any other personal information concerning the winner of a prize greater than \$10,000 drawn from the State lottery, unless the winner agrees in writing to allow the disclosure. The Commissioner and Bureau officers or employees, however, are authorized to disclose the name, address, or any other personal information concerning a winner of a prize awarded under a game played pursuant to a "joint enterprise". The bill would prohibit that disclosure unless the winner agreed in writing to allow the disclosure.

("Joint enterprise" means any lottery activity in which the Bureau participates pursuant to a written agreement between the State of Michigan and any state, territory, country, or other sovereignty, as executed by the Commissioner. The term does not include the State lottery created by the Act and operated exclusively by or under the exclusive control of the Lottery Bureau.)

As currently provided with respect to State lottery prizes over \$10,000, information protected from disclosure under the bill would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would indirectly reduce revenue to the School Aid Fund by an unknown amount. If jackpot winners chose to remain anonymous, the press coverage likely would be reduced. This would decrease the promotional impact of prizes, which would tend to reduce sales. The lottery contribution to the School Aid Fund was \$727.3 million in FY 2010-11.

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