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## **SENATE BILL 402: Allow Lottery Winners To Be Confidential.**

*2025-2026 General Assembly*

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| <b>Committee:</b>     | Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate | <b>Date:</b>        | April 16, 2025       |
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 402 would allow, with certain exceptions, the identifying information of a prize winner of \$1 million or more in the North Carolina State Lottery to be held confidential upon the prize winner's request.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 4 of Chapter 18C regulates the operation of the North Carolina State Lottery (Lottery). G.S. 18C-132 describes the procedures for drawings and claiming prizes, the payment of prizes, and the protection of information concerning certain prize winners. Subsection (j1) of G.S. 18C-132 allows the identity of a Lottery prize winner of \$50 million or more to be held confidential until ninety days after the prize is claimed, if requested by the prize winner.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 402 would allow the identifying information of a Lottery prize winner of \$1 million or more to be held confidential upon the prize winner's request, except to the extent required to do the following:

- Notify the North Carolina Department of Revenue to comply with State income tax statutes.
- Notify the Internal Revenue Service.
- Notify the tax authorities of the state of residence of the prize winner.
- Comply with the debt set-off program.
- Comply with the statutes concerning supplemental proceedings against a judgment debtor.
- Comply with a court order.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective July 1, 2025.

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