

HB 485 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL **485**

AN ACT authorizing persons who win the state lottery to remain anonymous.

SPONSORS: Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the winner of the state lottery to remain anonymous if they meet certain conditions.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT authorizing persons who win the state lottery to remain anonymous.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Anonymity of Lottery Prize Winner. Amend RSA 91-A by inserting after section
2 5-a the following new section:

3 91-A:5-b Anonymity of Lottery Prize Winner.

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the name, town or residence, date of
5 prize, and the gross and net amounts of the annual prize payment of a winner which may be
6 released by the lottery commission pursuant to RSA 287-F:10, I-i shall not be released if the winner
7 makes a written request to the lottery commission that they wish to remain anonymous and
8 provided that the winner satisfies at least one of the following conditions:

9 I. The winner is a victim of domestic violence pursuant to RSA 173-B:1, I;

10 II. The winner has an active restraining order against another person; or

11 III. The winner files a petition in superior court, which may be filed using a pseudonym,
12 with the winner's true identity maintained under seal, seeking an order that the winner be allowed
13 to remain anonymous, and the court, for good cause shown, grants the petition. The petition shall be
14 served upon the commissioner, who shall have 20 days within which to respond.

15 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.