

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3115**

Ordered by the House March 11  
Including House Amendments dated March 11

Sponsored by Representatives LIVELY, WALLAN; Representatives GOMBERG, SOSA (Pre-session filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act says that a person may not buy or sell certain winning lottery tickets. The Act says that people who buy such tickets can't deduct the price for Oregon taxes. The Act lets lottery winners choose whether to release their name and address. The Act becomes law 91 days after sine die. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.2).**

*[Digest: The Act says that a person may not buy or sell certain winning lottery tickets. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.1).]*

Prohibits the transfer, for consideration, of winning Oregon State Lottery tickets or shares above a certain value.

**Provides that purchases of certain winning lottery tickets that are deductible for federal tax purposes are not deductible for Oregon tax purposes.**

**Provides that the name and address of a lottery prize winner are exempt from disclosure as public records and may not be disclosed without authorization.**

**Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to the state lottery; creating new provisions; amending ORS 461.250; and prescribing an  
3 effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 461.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person may not:**

7 (a) Sell, or offer to sell, a winning ticket or share;

8 (b) Purchase, or offer to purchase, a winning ticket or share; or

9 (c) Claim, or offer to claim, a winning ticket or share for another person for compen-  
10 sation.

11 (2) This section does not apply to any prize that the Oregon State Lottery Commission  
12 authorizes lottery game retailers to pay under ORS 461.250.

13 (3) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to enforce the provisions of this section.

14 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 316.**

15 **SECTION 4. If the amount of the purchase price of a lottery ticket that is purchased in  
16 violation of section 2 of this 2025 Act is allowed as a deduction for federal tax purposes, the  
17 amount of the purchase price shall be added to federal taxable income for Oregon tax pur-  
18 poses.**

19 **SECTION 5. Section 6 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 317.**

20 **SECTION 6. If the amount of the purchase price of a lottery ticket that is purchased in  
21 violation of section 2 of this 2025 Act is allowed as a deduction for federal tax purposes, the  
22 amount of the purchase price shall be added to federal taxable income for Oregon tax pur-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **poses.**

2 **SECTION 7. Sections 4 and 6 of this 2025 Act apply to purchases of lottery tickets made**  
3 **in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.**

4 **SECTION 8.** ORS 461.250 is amended to read:

5 461.250. Upon recommendation of the Director of the Oregon State Lottery, the Oregon State  
6 Lottery Commission shall adopt rules to establish a system of verifying the validity of tickets or  
7 shares claimed to win prizes and to effect payment of such prizes, provided:

8 (1) For the convenience of the public, lottery game retailers may be authorized by the commis-  
9 sion to pay winners of up to \$5,000 after performing validation procedures on their premises appro-  
10 priate to the lottery game involved.

11 (2) A prize may not be paid to a person under 18 years of age.

12 (3) A video lottery game prize may not be paid to a person under 21 years of age.

13 (4) A prize may not be paid arising from claimed tickets or shares that are stolen, counterfeit,  
14 altered, fraudulent, unissued, produced or issued in error, unreadable, not received or not recorded  
15 by the Oregon State Lottery by applicable deadlines, lacking in captions that confirm and agree with  
16 the lottery play symbols as appropriate to the lottery game involved or not in compliance with such  
17 additional specific rules or with public or confidential validation and security tests of the lottery  
18 appropriate to the particular lottery game involved. However, the commission may adopt rules to  
19 establish a system of verifying the validity of claims to prizes greater than \$600 that are otherwise  
20 not payable under this subsection due to a lottery game retailer's losing, damaging or destroying the  
21 winning ticket or share while performing validation procedures thereon, and to effect payment of  
22 verified claims. A verification system established by the commission shall include appropriate public  
23 or confidential validation and security tests.

24 (5) A particular prize in any lottery game may not be paid more than once, and in the event of  
25 a binding determination that more than one claimant is entitled to a particular prize, the sole rem-  
26 edy of such claimants is the award to each of them of an equal share in the prize.

27 (6) The commission may specify that winners of less than \$25 claim such prizes from either the  
28 same lottery game retailer who sold the winning ticket or share or from the lottery itself and may  
29 also specify that the lottery game retailer who sold the winning ticket or share be responsible for  
30 directly paying that prize.

31 (7) Holders of tickets or shares shall have the right to claim prizes for one year after the  
32 drawing or the end of the lottery game or play in which the prize was won. The commission may  
33 define shorter time periods to claim prizes and for eligibility for entry into drawings involving en-  
34 tries or finalists. If a valid claim is not made for a prize payable directly by the lottery commission  
35 within the applicable period, the unclaimed prize shall remain the property of the commission and  
36 shall be allocated to the benefit of the public purpose.

37 (8)(a) The right of any person to a prize shall not be assignable, except that:

38 (A) Payment of any prize may be made according to the terms of a deceased prize winner's  
39 signed beneficiary designation form filed with the commission or, if no such form has been filed, to  
40 the estate of the deceased prize winner.

41 (B) Payment of any prize shall be made to a person designated pursuant to an appropriate ju-  
42 dicial order or pursuant to a judicial order approving the assignment of the prize in accordance with  
43 ORS 461.253.

44 (b) The director, commission and state shall be discharged of all further liability with respect  
45 to a specific prize payment upon making that prize payment in accordance with this subsection or

1 ORS 461.253.

2 (9) A ticket or share may not be purchased by, and a prize may not be paid to, a member of the  
3 commission, the director, the assistant directors or any employee of the state lottery or to any  
4 spouse, child, brother, sister or parent of such person.

5 (10) Payments made according to the terms of a deceased prize winner's signed beneficiary des-  
6 ignation form filed with the commission are effective by reason of the contract involved and this  
7 statute and are not to be considered as testamentary devices or subject to ORS chapter 112. The  
8 director, commission and state shall be discharged of all liability upon payment of a prize.

9 (11) In accordance with the provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. [3935]  
10 **3901 et seq.**, a person while in active military service may claim exemption from the one-year ticket  
11 redemption requirement under subsection (7) of this section. However, the person must notify the  
12 commission by providing satisfactory evidence of possession of the winning ticket within the one-  
13 year period, and must claim the prize or share no later than one year after discharge from active  
14 military service.

15 (12) **The name and address of a prize winner are exempt from disclosure under ORS**  
16 **192.311 to 192.478 and may not be publicly disclosed by the Oregon State Lottery or the**  
17 **commission unless the prize winner provides written authorization for such disclosure.**

18 **SECTION 9. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**  
19 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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