

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2025

Legislative Document

No. 404

H.P. 258

House of Representatives, February 4, 2025

An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Lottery Winner Identities

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §378-B is enacted to read:

§378-B. Lottery winner identity; confidentiality

 The identity of a person awarded a prize of \$500,000 or more is confidential unless the person awarded the prize provides written authorization to the bureau allowing the disclosure of that person's identity. The bureau may disclose the identity of the person to another state agency solely for purposes authorized under this chapter, and that state agency is prohibited from further disclosing the person's identity.

<u>Information designated as confidential under this section is not a public record as</u> defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

11 SUMMARY

This bill provides that the identity of a person awarded a lottery prize of \$500,000 or more is confidential unless the person awarded the prize provides written authorization to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations allowing the disclosure of that person's identity. The bill authorizes the bureau to disclose the identity of the person to another state agency for purposes authorized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, chapter 14-A and the bill prohibits that state agency from further disclosing the person's identity.