



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3770.073 Satisfying debts to state from lottery prize awards.

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(A) As used in this section, "lottery prize award" does not include a prize award from a video lottery terminal and does not include winnings from lottery sports gaming, except that "lottery prize award" includes winnings from lottery sports gaming wagers placed through a terminal described in division (B)(3) of section 3770.24 of the Revised Code.

(B) The attorney general shall provide the state lottery commission or its designee with access to the real time data match program described in sections 3772.37 and 3775.16 of the Revised Code for the purpose of identifying prize winners who owe amounts to the state or a political subdivision.

(C) If a person is entitled to a lottery prize award and is indebted to the state for the payment of any tax, workers' compensation premium, unemployment contribution, payment in lieu of unemployment contribution, or certified claim under section 131.02 or 131.021 of the Revised Code, is indebted to a political subdivision that has a certified claim under section 131.02 of the Revised Code, owes lottery sales receipts held in trust on behalf of the state lottery commission as described in division (H)(4) of section 3770.05 of the Revised Code, or owes any charge, penalty, or interest arising from any of those debts and if the amount of the prize money or the cost of goods or services awarded as a lottery prize award meets or exceeds the reportable winnings amount set by 26 U.S.C. 6041, the director of the state lottery commission, or the director's designee, shall do either of the following:

(1) If the prize award will be paid in a lump sum, deduct from the prize award and pay to the attorney general an amount in satisfaction of the debt and pay any remainder to that person. If the amount of the prize award is less than the amount of the debt, the entire amount of the prize award shall be deducted and paid in partial satisfaction of the debt.

(2) If the prize award will be paid in annual installments, on the date the initial installment payment is due, deduct from that installment and pay to the attorney general an amount in satisfaction of the debt and, if necessary to collect the full amount of the debt, do the same for any subsequent annual installments, at the time the installments become due and owing to the person, until the debt is fully



satisfied.

(D) If a person entitled to a lottery prize award owes more than one debt, any debt owed to the state shall be satisfied first, subject to both section 5739.33 and division (G) of section 5747.07 of the Revised Code having first priority, and subject to division (E) of this section.

(E) Any debt owed under section 3770.071 of the Revised Code shall be satisfied with first priority over debts owed under this section.

(F) Except as provided in section 131.021 of the Revised Code, this section applies only to debts that have become final.