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LOTTERY PRIZE TO FAMILY AFTER DEATH

**House Bill 4640 as introduced
First Analysis (6-3-87)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Sr.
Committee: State Affairs**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The lottery act provides that the right of a prizewinner may be assigned only to the estate of a deceased prizewinner. This often makes it difficult for family members of the deceased to collect the prize. Legislation has been proposed that would enable family members to collect the prize of a deceased prizewinner.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the lottery act to provide that payment of any prize drawn could be paid to the family members of a deceased prizewinner. If a prizewinner died before collecting the full amount of the prize, the Lottery Bureau would have to continue making the remaining prize payments to the prizewinner's surviving spouse and living children, in equal proportions. If there were no surviving spouse or living children, the remaining prize payments would be made to the prizewinner's estate.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal implications to the state. (6-2-87)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The lottery act's provision that the right of a prizewinner may only be assigned to the estate of a deceased prizewinner makes it very difficult for family members to collect a prize. Family members must often spend many hours in court, as well as a great deal of money in lawyers' fees in order to establish their right to the prize. The bill would make it easier for the family to get money that should rightfully belong to it, without having to endure a taxing court battle.

POSITIONS:

The Lottery Bureau has no position on the bill. (6-2-87)

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