

# SENATE . . . . . No. 166

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect the privacy of lottery winners.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                     | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                  |                 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Mark C. Montigny</i>   | <i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i> |                 |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i>            | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 166) of Mark C. Montigny and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to protect the privacy of lottery winners. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 139 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act to protect the privacy of lottery winners.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 24 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, at the end of the first paragraph, the following:-

3           “Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the name, address or other  
4   identifying information of any holder of a winning lottery ticket shall not be deemed public  
5   records of the commission and shall not be subject to section 10 of chapter 66 of the General  
6   Laws. Furthermore, the commission shall not publicly disclose the name, address or other  
7   identifying information of any holder of a winning ticket or require any winning ticket holder to  
8   perform any public actions in connection with the awarding, payment or collection of prize  
9   moneys where a holder of a winning ticket provides a written request to the commission. Upon a  
10   claim, the commission shall inform, in writing, the winning ticket holder of the right to refuse

- 11 public disclosure of name, address or other identifying information as well as the right to refuse
- 12 to perform any public action in connections with the awarding, payment or collection of prize
- 13 moneys."