

SENATE No. 223

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:

Mark C. Montigny

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 223) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to protect the privacy of lottery winners. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 166 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 24 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 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."