General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5294

LCO No. **645**

Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING LOTTERY WINNERS WHO ARE TAX DELINQUENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That chapter 226 of the general statutes be amended to provide that, when any person redeems a winning lottery ticket worth five thousand dollars or more, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall check the name and other identifying information of such person against a state tax delinquency database. If such person is included on the list of obligors, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall withhold from any lottery winnings payable to such person the amount of such obligation, provided the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall notify such person that (1) lottery winnings have been withheld as a result of the amount due for such obligation, and (2) such person has the right to a hearing if such person contests the amount of the alleged claim.

Statement of Purpose:
To require tax delinquents to pay any taxes they owe the state prior to receiving any lottery winnings.