

- SUBJECT:** Deductions from payments to lottery ticket agents
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedure — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Wilson, Kubiak, Goolsby, Haggerty, Pickett, Torres, Yarbrough  
0 nays  
2 absent — Hameric, D. Jones
- WITNESSES:** For — Chris Newton, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association  
Against — None  
On — Nelda Trevino, Texas Lottery Commission
- BACKGROUND :** The executive director of the lottery commission is required to deduct from lottery winnings the amount of money owed by lottery winners for:
- delinquent taxes or other money collected by the comptroller or the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
  - delinquent child support payments administered or collected by the Attorney General; and
  - student loans administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp that are in default.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 3081 would require the executive director of the lottery commission to deduct from payments made as compensation to lottery ticket sales agents:
- delinquent taxes or other money collected by the comptroller, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
  - delinquent child support payments administered by the attorney general; and

- student loans administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp that are in default.

The lottery director would be required to transfer the amount deducted to the appropriate agency. The agencies would be required to give the executive director of the lottery commission a report of persons who are delinquent in their payments. The lottery commission would be required to adopt rules about the form and frequency of the reports.

HB 3081 would add delinquent taxes or other money owed by lottery winners to the Texas Workforce Commission to the types of funds that must be deducted from lottery winnings by the lottery executive director. The Texas Workforce Commission would be required to give the executive director of the lottery commission a report of persons who are delinquent in payments to the commission.

CSHB 3081 would take immediate effect if finally approved by a two-thirds record vote of the membership in each house.

NOTES:

The original version of the bill would have added delinquent payments to the crime victims compensation fund and restitution ordered after a criminal conviction to the list of items that must be deducted from lottery winnings and payments to sales ticket agents. The committee substitute also moved the requirement that the executive director of the lottery commission make certain deductions from payments to lottery sales ticket agents from the Government Code section governing deductions from lottery winnings to the section governing compensation to ticket agents.

HB 566 by Oliveira, which also would deduct from lottery winnings delinquent taxes or other money owed to the Texas Workforce Commission, has passed both houses and been sent to the governor.