

## CHAPTER 106

AN ACT concerning lottery prizes and supplementing P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-1 et seq.)

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.5:9-13.17 Offset of certain lottery prizes required for payment of certain debts to State agencies.

1. a. Whenever any claimant of a lottery prize greater than \$600 is indebted to any agency or institution of State Government, including, but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Agency for the portion of an assessment ordered pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1979, c.296 (C.2C:43-3.1) for deposit in the Victims of Crime Compensation Agency Account or restitution ordered to be paid to the agency pursuant to N.J.S.2C:44-2 for deposit in the Victims of Crime Compensation Agency Account, or for child support under Title IV-A, Title IV-D, or Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. s.601 et seq.), or other indebtedness in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1995, c.290 (C.2A:17-56.11b) the Department of the Treasury shall apply or cause to be applied to the lottery prize as much as is necessary to satisfy the indebtedness. Child support indebtedness shall take precedence over all other indebtedness. The Department of the Treasury shall retain a percentage of the proceeds of any collection setoff as shall be necessary to provide for any expenses of the collection effort.

b. A State department or agency which is owed a debt shall notify the Department of the Treasury of the existence of the debt and shall request that the Department of the Treasury execute a setoff as provided for in this section.

C.5:9-13.18 Regulations.

2. The Department of the Treasury shall promulgate regulations concerning the procedures and methods to be employed by all agencies and institutions in the executive branch in the collection or the setting off of delinquent accounts. The regulations shall be consistent with all federal requirements or limitations regarding any information utilized in any collection or setoff, and shall in addition provide for due notice to the debtor and opportunity for a hearing upon request prior to any setoff and safeguards against the disclosure or inappropriate use of any personally identifiable information regarding the debtor obtained or maintained pursuant to this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 28, 2007.