



AN ACT PROVIDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR STATE LOTTERY GAMES AND SPORTS GAMBLING; AND PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS FOR COURT ORDERS.

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the individual privacy rights of a lottery participant and winner under Article II, section 10, of the Montana Constitution outweigh the public's right to know under Article II, section 9; and

WHEREAS, this act legislatively recognizes this privacy interest.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1. Confidentiality of players.** The personal information about a player who participates in lottery games and sports gambling as provided in this chapter is confidential and may not be disclosed to the public unless the player authorizes, in writing, the release of the information. Nothing in this section prohibits:

- (1) the state lottery from complying with 23-7-312; and
- (2) disclosure of the information through an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction on a finding that the disclosure of the personal information is necessary because the merits of public disclosure clearly exceed the demand for individual privacy.

**Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 23, chapter 7, part 3, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 7, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 232, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY F. GARNER

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