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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 626 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY FONTANA, COLLETT AND COSTA, MAY 11, 2021

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REFERRED TO FINANCE, MAY 11, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled  
2 "An act providing for a State Lottery and administration  
3 thereof; authorizing the creation of a State Lottery  
4 Commission; prescribing its powers and duties; disposition of  
5 funds; violations and penalties therefor; exemption of prizes  
6 from State and local taxation and making an appropriation,"  
7 in State lottery, further providing for disposition of funds.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 311 of the act of August 26, 1971  
11 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 311. Disposition of funds.

14 (a) State Lottery Fund.--All moneys received from the  
15 operation of the State lottery shall be deposited in a State  
16 Lottery Fund which is hereby created. Such moneys shall be used  
17 to the extent necessary for the payment of lottery prizes but  
18 the amount so used shall not be less than 40% of the amount of  
19 which tickets or shares have been sold. All payments of lottery  
20 prizes and for expenses of operation of the lottery shall be  
21 made as provided by law. All moneys remaining after payment of

1 prizes and operating expenses shall remain in the State Lottery  
2 Fund and shall be allocated for the purpose of providing  
3 property tax relief for the elderly for taxes paid [in 1971 and  
4 thereafter pursuant to the provisions of the act of March 11,  
5 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), known as the Senior Citizens Rebate and  
6 Assistance Act,] in accordance with the act of June 27, 2006  
7 (1st Sp. Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief  
8 Act, and for the purpose of providing free or reduced fare  
9 transit service for the elderly pursuant to Chapter 9 and the  
10 act of February 11, 1976 (P.L.14, No.10), known as the  
11 Pennsylvania Rural and Intercity Common Carrier Surface  
12 Transportation Assistance Act. In the event sufficient funds are  
13 not available from the lottery receipts to meet the requirements  
14 of the Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act or for  
15 providing free or reduced fare transit service for the elderly  
16 under Chapter 9 and the Pennsylvania Rural and Intercity Common  
17 Carrier Surface Transportation Assistance Act, additional funds  
18 to fulfill these obligations shall be appropriated from the  
19 General Fund for this purpose.

20 (b) Appropriations.--The moneys in said State Lottery Fund  
21 shall be appropriated only:

22 (1) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning  
23 lottery tickets or shares.

24 (2) For the expenses of the division in its operation of  
25 the lottery.

26 (3) For property tax relief and free or reduced fare  
27 transit service for the elderly as provided under subsection  
28 (a).

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.