

(c) If a defendant who is delinquent in restitution payments wins a lottery prize to be paid by check directly by the State Lottery Agency, the State Lottery Agency shall send a notice to the defendant that:

- (1) The defendant has won a prize to be paid by the State Lottery Agency;
- (2) The Lottery Agency has received notice from the Central Collection Unit of the defendant's restitution arrearage in the amount specified;
- (3) State law requires the Lottery Agency to withhold the prize to pay it towards the defendant's restitution arrearage;
- (4) The Lottery Agency proposes to transfer the prize, or that part of it which is equal to the restitution arrearage, to the Unit if no appeal is filed within 15 days;
- (5) The defendant may appeal to the Unit if the defendant disputes the existence or the amount of the arrearage; and
- (6) If no appeal is filed within 15 days, the prize, or that part of it that is equal to the restitution arrearage, shall be transferred to the Unit.

(d) The State Lottery Agency shall withhold any part of the prize up to the amount of the arrearage until the Unit notifies the Agency as to whom the withheld prize money shall be paid.

(e) Upon receipt of a notice from the State Lottery Agency, any defendant who disputes the existence or amount of the arrearage may appeal the proposed transfer within 15 days after the date of the notice.

(f) If no appeal is filed within 15 days, the State Lottery Agency shall transfer the amount of the prize withheld to the Unit.

(g) If the defendant appeals the proposed transfer, after a hearing the Unit shall notify the State Lottery Agency that the withheld prize shall be:

- (1) Paid to the defendant;
- (2) Transferred to the Unit; or
- (3) Partly paid to the defendant and partly transferred to the Unit, in the amounts specified.

(h) The State Lottery Agency shall honor lottery prize interception requests in the following order:

- (1) An interception request under § 10-113.1 of the Family Law Article; and
- (2) An interception request under this section.

(i) The Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning and the Director of the State Lottery Agency may jointly adopt regulations to implement this section.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 27, § 640B of the Code.

In subsection (b) of this section, the cross-reference to "§ 820(b)(2)(ii) of this