HB 1563 -- LOTTERY WINNERS

SPONSOR: Mosley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill prohibits the Lottery Commission, state lottery, any contracted organization, or any of their employees from publishing the name, address, or identifying information of a lottery winner in printed or electronic form for distribution or sale to the public.

Any violation of these provisions is a class A misdemeanor.

This bill is the same as HB 275 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill gives an option to lottery winners to remain anonymous to prevent harassment from others. At least eight other states have similar language in statute. This bill addresses a safety concern.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Mosley.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.