SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2267

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2267.

This bill directs the State Lottery Commission to provide by regulation that lottery winners may remain anonymous indefinitely. Current regulations provide that the State Lottery may use the names, addresses, prize amount and photographs of winners. The address used does not include a street or house number. In addition, a winner's name, town, and county are available through a formal request under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). The bill also provides an exemption from such OPRA disclosure.

The bill would not prevent the conduct of data exchange among authorized State entities for the collection of child support arrears or certain public assistance overpayments; the collection of delinquent or defaulted student loan payments; the payment of certain debts to State agencies; or of any other law providing for the collection of any debts or other payments from lottery winnings.