## **Department of Legislative Services**

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## FISCAL NOTE Revised

Senate Bill 33	(Chairman. Finance Committee)
	(Departmental - Lotterv)

Finance

## State Lottery - Cash Prize Payments - Agent Service Charges, Fines, and Penalties

This departmental bill authorizes the State Lottery Agency to establish and impose financial penalties on an agent for: (1) making payments to winners that are dishonored, non-negotiable, or drawn upon insufficient funds; (2) failing to maintain or file adequate financial and/or tax information; (3) failing to follow agency procedures or perform its contractual obligations; or (4) any act or omission while making cash payments that results in the agency being subject to claims, assessed fines, fees, or penalties. The agency may recover from the agent any costs incurred as a result of the agent's violation. In addition, the bill specifies the amount of the financial penalty that may be assessed by the agency for various specified violations. An agent may appeal a penalty imposed to the State Lottery Commission.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The State Lottery Agency intends to assess fees to cover the cost of any expenses incurred by the agency as a result of the improper action of a ticket cashing agent.

Local Effect: None.

**Small Business Effect:** The State Lottery Agency has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Information Source(s): State Lottery Agency, Department of Legislative Services

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