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Effective January 1, 2019, House Bill 2982 allows winners of State Lottery draw games to remain anonymous in regards to his or her name, personal contact information, and likeness; providing that the prize is equal to or exceeding $1 million dollars. When a group forms a lottery pool to purchase lottery tickets, only those members of the pool that each, individually, **win a gross prize equal to or exceeding $1 million dollars may claim anonymity.**

You may use the following to request anonymity via e-mail if your winning draw game ticket is a prize amount **EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDING $1 MILLION DOLLARS**. Again, if a group wins, all participants in the lottery pool must receive, individually, **EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDING $1 MILLION DOLLARS** to qualify. If you (or your group) are the lucky individual(s) with such a claim, the West Virginia Lottery suggests the following best-practices for safeguarding your anonymity.

1. Sign the back of your ticket. The ticket is a bearer instrument by law. The holder is presumed to be the owner unless a signature proves otherwise.

2. Retain the services of a lawyer and an accountant. Advise them of your intent to claim anonymously so they can advise you and help safe-guard your information.

3. Do not inform anyone other than your counsel of your win. The West Virginia Lottery cannot be responsible for information reporting agencies may obtain via the winner who talked to family members or posted about their win on social media sites.

4. Use only www.wvlottery.com, the mobile convenience app or a self-service terminal to check your numbers.

Per the law you are only required to supply the following pieces of information when making an anonymity request; your contact information, including any personal telephone number, residential address and electronic mail address.

Please use a secured e-mail client (Google, Hotmail, etc...) and send your communication to the following e-mail address.

anon@wvlottery.com

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