



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3772.37 Withholding debts to state or political subdivision from winnings.

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(A) Pursuant to section 131.02 of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall develop and implement a real time data match program and make it available to each casino operator and management company to identify patrons who owe amounts to the state or a political subdivision.

(B)(1) Before disbursing any casino winnings to a patron that meet or exceed the reportable winnings amount set by 26 U.S.C. 6041, a casino operator or management company shall consult the data match program to determine whether the patron owes any amounts to the state or a political subdivision. If the data match program indicates that the patron owes any amounts to the state or a political subdivision, the casino operator or management company shall withhold from the patron's winnings an amount sufficient to satisfy those amounts, up to the amount of the winnings.

(2) If the data match program described in section 3123.90 of the Revised Code indicates that the patron also is in default under a support order, the casino operator or management company shall transmit to the department of job and family services an amount sufficient to satisfy any past due support owed by the patron, up to the amount of the winnings, before transmitting any remaining amount to the attorney general under division (C) of this section.

(C)(1) Not later than seven days after withholding an amount under division (B) of this section, the casino operator or management company shall transmit to the attorney general any amount withheld and not already disbursed to the department of job and family services under section 3123.90 of the Revised Code as payment on the amount owed.

(2) If the patron owes more than one amount to the state or a political subdivision as identified by the data match program described in this section, the amount owed to the state shall be satisfied first, except that any amounts owed under section 5739.33 and division (G) of section 5747.07 of the Revised Code shall have first priority.



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(D) Except as otherwise provided in section 131.021 of the Revised Code, this section applies only to amounts owed that have become final.

(E) The attorney general, in consultation with the commission, may adopt rules under Chapter 119 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement this section.