

Subject Lottery in Lieu Tax

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Summary

This bill would increase the percentage of the amount from the in lieu of sales tax on state lottery tickets that is dedicated for certain purposes. Under current law, 72.43 percent of the lottery in lieu (LIL) tax is dedicated to five different purposes as follows:

- 1) 50 percent to the heritage enhancement account, which is dedicated to improve, enhance, and protect fish and wildlife resources;
- 2) 22.5 percent for state parks and trails;
- 3) 22.5 percent for metropolitan parks and trails;
- 4) three percent for local trail grants; and
- 5) two percent for zoos, which include the Minnesota Zoo, the Como Zoo, and the Duluth Zoo.

This bill would increase the amount dedicated for these purposes to 97 percent. The remaining three percent would go to the general fund. Under current law, the amount going to the general fund is 27.57 percent.