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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; allocating a portion of unclaimed lottery prize money to
1.3 the environment and natural resources trust fund; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2006, section 349A.08, subdivision 5.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 349A.08, subdivision 5, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Payment; unclaimed prizes.** A prize in the state lottery must be claimed
1.9 by the winner within one year of the date of the drawing at which the prize was awarded
1.10 or the last day sales were authorized for a game where a prize was determined in a manner
1.11 other than by means of a drawing. If a valid claim is not made for a prize payable directly
1.12 by the lottery by the end of this period, the prize money is considered unclaimed and the
1.13 winner of the prize shall have no further claim to the prize. A prize won by a person
1.14 who purchased the winning ticket in violation of section 349A.12, subdivision 1, or won
1.15 by a person ineligible to be awarded a prize under subdivision 7 must be treated as an
1.16 unclaimed prize under this section. The director must transfer all unclaimed prize money
1.17 at the end of each fiscal year from the lottery cash flow account as follows:

- 1.18 (1) 60 percent to the general fund; and
- 1.19 (2) 40 percent to the environment and natural resources trust fund.