

May 6, 2013

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3614**

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3614 without my approval.

This bill would require any contract between the State and a private entity that provides for "the operation of the state Lottery by the private entity" be subject to the Legislature's approval.

Plainly, the sponsors misunderstand the Department of the Treasury's announced intent to contract for marketing and sales services to support the State Lottery. Simply put, the Department's plan is intended to modernize and maximize the potential of the Lottery, and any such contract would be strictly limited to the provision of marketing and sales services. The Department would not, at the end of an open and transparent public procurement process, "privatize" the operation of the State Lottery as the bill's sponsors suggest. Ultimately, I will only sign such a contract if convinced that it will improve our State's Lottery and benefit the people of New Jersey.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3614 without my approval.

Respectfully,

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor