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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery Agency – Veterans Lottery – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Lottery Agency to conduct a certain number of
4 lotteries for the benefit of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the
5 Agency to deposit into the Fund the proceeds, after certain expenses of the
6 veterans lotteries; requiring the Agency to meet certain advertising criteria in
7 conducting the veterans lotteries; and generally relating to lotteries conducted
8 by the State Lottery Agency.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–120 and 9–913
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 9–120.2
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2009 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – State Government**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 9–120.

2 (a) The Comptroller shall distribute the State Lottery Fund to pay:

3 (1) on a pro rata basis for the daily and nondaily State lottery games,
4 the expenses of administering and operating the State lottery, as authorized under
5 this subtitle and the State budget; and

6 (2) then, except as provided in § 10–113.1 of the Family Law Article
7 and § 11–618 of the Criminal Procedure Article, the holder of each winning ticket or
8 share.

9 (b) (1) Promptly after the 1st day of each month, the Comptroller shall
10 pay:

11 (i) into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund the money that
12 remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of the sports lotteries conducted
13 for the benefit of the Maryland Stadium Authority, after the distribution under
14 subsection (a) of this section; [and]

15 **(II) INTO THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND UNDER §**
16 **9–913 OF THIS TITLE THE MONEY THAT REMAINS IN THE STATE LOTTERY FUND**
17 **FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE VETERANS LOTTERY CONDUCTED IN THE**
18 **PREVIOUS MONTH UNDER § 9–120.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AFTER THE**
19 **DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

20 **[(ii)] (III)** into the General Fund of the State the money that
21 remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all other lotteries after the
22 distribution under subsection (a) of this section.

23 (2) The money paid into the General Fund under this subsection is
24 available in the fiscal year in which the money accumulates in the State Lottery Fund.

25 (c) The regulations of the Agency shall apportion the money in the State
26 Lottery Fund.

27 **9–120.2.**

28 **(A) DURING EACH MONTH, THE AGENCY SHALL CONDUCT ONE**
29 **VETERANS LOTTERY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST**
30 **FUND.**

31 **(B) IN ALL ADVERTISING AND ON ALL TICKETS, THE AGENCY SHALL**
32 **IDENTIFY ANY LOTTERY CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION AS BEING**
33 **CONDUCTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND.**

1 9–913.

2 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

3 (b) There is a Maryland Veterans Trust Fund in the Department.

4 (c) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to
5 reversion under § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

6 (2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the
7 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

8 (d) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Fund.

9 (2) The Maryland Veterans Commission, the Maryland Veterans’
10 Home Commission, and program directors shall advise the Secretary on the
11 administration of the Fund.

12 (e) The Fund consists of:

13 (I) gifts and grants that the Department receives under §
14 9–912(b) of this subtitle; AND

15 (II) **THE PROFITS DERIVED FROM THE VETERANS**
16 **LOTTERIES CONDUCTED UNDER § 9–120.2 OF THIS TITLE.**

17 (f) Money in the Fund may only be used to:

18 (1) make grants and loans under § 9–912(b)(2)(i) of this subtitle;

19 (2) be invested under § 9–912(b)(2)(ii) of this subtitle; and

20 (3) pay the costs of administering the Fund through distribution to an
21 administrative cost account in the Department.

22 (g) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money in the Fund in the
23 same manner as other State money may be invested.

24 (2) Any investment earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

25 (h) Money expended from the Fund is supplemental to and is not intended to
26 take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated to the Department.

27 (i) (1) On or before August 31 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a
28 report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of this article, on the
29 status of the Fund.

- 1 (2) The report shall include:
- 2 (i) the gross amount of gifts and grants credited to the Fund;
- 3 (ii) the costs of administration of the Fund; and
- 4 (iii) a detailed accounting of the use of the Fund.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

6 October 1, 2010.