

**Maryland General Assembly
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulations
Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency
(DLS Control No. 20-058)**

Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact

The regulations (1) authorize certain lottery prizes to be claimed through player-activated terminals, (2) require retailers to activate instant ticket packs before selling the instant tickets, and (3) alter the documents and information that are required in order to claim certain lottery prizes.

The regulations present no legal issues of concern.

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Regulations of COMAR Affected

Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency:

Lottery Provisions: General: COMAR 36.02.01.01

Retailer Requirements: COMAR 36.02.03.02

Claims Procedures: COMAR 36.02.06.04 and .05

Legal Analysis

Summary of Regulations

Lottery Prize Redemption at a Player-Activated Terminals

Existing regulation .01B(27) defines a player-activated terminal as a machine through which a player may purchase State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency tickets without action by a licensed retailer. New regulation .01B(27)(a) alters the definition of a player-activated terminal to include a machine through which a player may also claim a prize. New regulation .01B(27)(b) provides that a player-activated terminal does not dispense cash.

Existing regulation .04A(1)(a) authorizes the holder of a winning ticket to claim a prize of up to \$600 at a retailer. New regulation .04A(1)(a) provides that a prize of up to \$600 may also be claimed at a retailer's player-activated terminal.

Instant Ticket Retailer Sales Procedures

New regulation .01B(18) defines the terms “instant ticket pack” and “instant ticket book” to mean a group of sequential instant tickets that are in an individual bundle.

New regulation .02A requires a retailer to activate an instant ticket pack before selling an instant ticket from that pack.

Documents Required for Prize Payment

Existing regulation .05B(1)(b) requires that certain winners, in order to claim a prize, submit the actual original ticket that is signed by all winners. New regulation .05B(1)(b) alters the signature requirement to only require the signatures if requested.

Existing regulation .05C requires a winner, in order to claim a prize at an agency claim center and for any prize over \$600 claimed at a retailer, to submit a fully completed and signed claim form and sufficient information to identify the claimant, such as (1) the winner’s Social Security number; (2) proof of the winner’s Social Security number; and (3) photo identification proof that the winner is at least 18 years old. New regulation .05C adds requirements that the winner (1) sign the original ticket and (2) provide necessary information to the retailer to produce a terminal-generated claim form.

New regulation .05D is amended to reflect the changes made in .05C.

Legal Issues

The regulations present no legal issues of concern.

Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent

The agency cites § 12-301.1 of the Criminal Law Article, §§ 9-101, 9-103, 9-104, 9-109, 9-113, 9-115, 9-117, 9-119, and 9-122 through 9-124 of the State Government Article, and Chapter 603 of the Acts of 2012 § 6 as statutory authority for the regulations.

Section 9-101 defines certain terms. Section 9-103 establishes the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency. Section 9-110(b) requires that the regulations of the agency shall provide for: (1) all matters that are necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and administration of the State lottery; and (2) the convenience of buyers of State lottery tickets and shares and of the holders of a winning ticket or share.

The remaining cited authority is not relevant to these regulations.

The relevant cited authority is correct and complete. The regulations comply with the legislative intent of the law.

Fiscal Analysis

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact

The agency advises that the regulations have no impact on State or local governments. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

Impact on Budget

There is no impact on the State operating or capital budget.

Agency Estimate of Projected Small Business Impact

The agency advises that the regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in the State. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

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