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By: **Senator Ruben**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Waiting List Equity Fund - Use of Unclaimed State Lottery Prizes**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of the State Lottery Agency to send each  
4 unclaimed prize that remains after a certain period to the Waiting List Equity  
5 Fund in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for providing  
6 community-based services; and generally relating to the sending of unclaimed  
7 State lottery prizes to the Waiting List Equity Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - State Government  
10 Section 9-101  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - State Government  
15 Section 9-122(f)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - State Government**

21 9-101.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) "Agency" means the State Lottery Agency.

24 (c) "Commission" means the State Lottery Commission.

25 (d) "Director" means the Director of the Agency.

1 (e) "Governmental unit" means:

2 (1) an instrumentality of the State;

3 (2) a county or municipal corporation of the State; or

4 (3) an instrumentality of a county or municipal corporation of the State.

5 (f) "License" means a license issued by the Director to act as a licensed agent.

6 (g) "Licensed agent" means a person or governmental unit licensed by the  
7 Director to act as a State lottery sales agent.

8 (h) "State lottery" means the lottery established and operated under this  
9 subtitle.

10 9-122.

11 (f) (1) A prize winner shall claim a prize within 182 days after the drawing  
12 in which the prize is won.

13 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the Director:

14 (I) shall keep an unclaimed prize[:

15 (i)] for 182 days after the drawing in which the prize is won, for  
16 payment of the winner; and

17 (ii) [then in an unclaimed prize fund for use for other prizes]

18 SHALL SEND EACH UNCLAIMED PRIZE THAT REMAINS AFTER THE 182-DAY PERIOD  
19 TO THE WAITING LIST EQUITY FUND THAT IS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-206 OF THE  
20 HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE FOR PROVIDING COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

21 (3) For a game that the Agency designates as a bonus game or drawing  
22 and that is not a daily or weekly State lottery drawing, the period for claiming a prize  
23 may differ from the period set in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2001.