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By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (Departmental - Lottery)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery - Subscription Purchases by Credit Card**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Director of the State lottery under a certain
4 condition to allow the use of credit cards for the purchase of lottery
5 subscriptions; specifying the requirements for making a certain subscription
6 valid; and generally relating to the purchase of lottery subscriptions by credit
7 card.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - State Government
10 Section 9-111
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Government**

16 9-111.

17 (a) The Director shall:

18 (1) supervise and administer the State lottery in accordance with the
19 regulations of the Agency and this subtitle;

20 (2) confer, at least once a month, with the Commission on the operation
21 and administration of the State lottery;

22 (3) make available to the Commission any record or other information of
23 the Agency that the Commission requests;

24 (4) advise the Commission about any change needed to improve the
25 operation or administration of the State lottery;

1 (5) with the approval of the Commission and subject to Division II of the
2 State Finance and Procurement Article, contract for:

3 (i) the operation of all or any part of the State lottery; and

4 (ii) the use of space, for advertising or promotional purposes, on
5 tickets or publications distributed by the Agency, if, in the Director's discretion, the
6 action is fiscally prudent and in the best interest of the State lottery;

7 (6) submit monthly to the Comptroller and to the Commission a certified
8 statement of the total State lottery revenues and the total prize disbursements and
9 other expenses for the preceding month; and

10 (7) with the approval of the Commission, contract for the promotion of
11 the State lottery and enter into private sector cooperative marketing project
12 agreements as provided for in § 11-203(a)(1)(xvi) of the State Finance and
13 Procurement Article.

14 (b) With the approval of the Commission and the Legislative Policy
15 Committee, the Director may enter into an agreement to operate a multi-state lottery
16 with any other political entity outside the State that operates a lottery.

17 (c) The Commission may advise the Director on the operation and
18 administration of the State lottery.

19 (d) In accordance with the regulations of the Agency and this subtitle, the
20 Director may:

21 (1) arrange for a person to perform any activity, function, or service in
22 connection with the operation of the State lottery which shall constitute a lawful
23 activity, function, or service of the person; and

24 (2) authorize the Agency to sell lottery tickets for a temporary period at
25 any promotional or special event being held in the State if:

26 (i) in the Director's determination, no licensed agent is available to
27 conduct the sale; and

28 (ii) the person holding the promotional or special event has
29 authorized the Agency to sell lottery tickets at the event.

30 (E) (1) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION, THE DIRECTOR MAY
31 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF LOTTERY SUBSCRIPTIONS BY CREDIT CARD.

32 (2) A SUBSCRIPTION PURCHASED BY CREDIT CARD IS NOT VALID UNTIL:

33 (I) THE SUBSCRIPTION IS OFFICIALLY ENTERED INTO THE
34 LOTTERY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM;

35 (II) THE CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION IS COMPLETED BY AN
36 IRREVOCABLE PAYMENT MADE BY THE AUTHORIZED PURCHASER; AND

1 (III) THE SUBSCRIPTION IS VERIFIED BY THE ISSUANCE OF A
2 MEMBERSHIP CARD INDICATING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect October 1, 2002.