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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery - Unclaimed Prizes - Distribution to School Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of the State Lottery Agency to remit to the
4 Comptroller a certain percentage of unclaimed prize money that remains after a
5 certain period for distribution to the public school systems in the State in a
6 certain manner; requiring that a public school system use prize money for a
7 certain purpose; specifying that the money distributed under this Act is
8 intended to provide additional revenue for public school systems and may not
9 supplant any other appropriation to public school systems; and generally
10 relating to the distribution of unclaimed lottery prize money to public school
11 systems in the State.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Education
14 Section 7-901(f)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article - State Government
19 Section 9-101
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article - State Government
24 Section 9-122(f)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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Article - Education

2 7-901.

3 (f) "Technology" means the latest state-of-the-art technology products and
4 services, including:

- 5 (1) Closed circuit television systems;
- 6 (2) Educational television and radio broadcasting;
- 7 (3) Cable television;
- 8 (4) Satellite;
- 9 (5) Copper and fiber-optic transmission;
- 10 (6) Computer and computer-based technology;
- 11 (7) Video and audio laser and CD ROM discs;
- 12 (8) Video and audio tapes or other technologies; and
- 13 (9) Web-based resources and courses.

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Article - State Government

15 9-101.

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

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

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

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

20 (e) "Governmental unit" means:

- 21 (1) an instrumentality of the State;
- 22 (2) a county or municipal corporation of the State; or
- 23 (3) an instrumentality of a county or municipal corporation of the State.

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

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

27 (h) "State lottery" means the lottery established and operated under this
28 subtitle.

1 9-122.

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

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

6 (I) keep an unclaimed prize[:

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

9 (ii) [then] OF THE PRIZE MONEY THAT REMAINS AFTER THE
10 182-DAY PERIOD ENDS:

11 1. KEEP 50% in an unclaimed prize fund for use for other
12 prizes; AND

13 2. REMIT TO THE COMPTROLLER 50% FOR DISTRIBUTION TO
14 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE STATE ON A PRO RATA BASIS ACCORDING TO
15 THE LOTTERY SALES MADE IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH EACH PUBLIC
16 SCHOOL SYSTEM IS LOCATED.

17 (3) A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL USE THE PRIZE MONEY THAT THE
18 COMPTROLLER DISTRIBUTES UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION TO
19 ACQUIRE OR MAINTAIN TECHNOLOGY AS DEFINED IN § 7-901(F) OF THE EDUCATION
20 ARTICLE.

21 (4) A DISTRIBUTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION IS
22 INTENDED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND
23 MAY NOT SUPPLANT ANY OTHER REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
24 SYSTEMS.

25 [(3)] (5) For a game that the Agency designates as a bonus game or
26 drawing and that is not a daily or weekly State lottery drawing, the period for
27 claiming a prize may differ from the period set in paragraph [(2)] (2)(I) of this
28 subsection.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2006.