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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery Proceeds - Problem Gambling Council of Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a special fund created for the distribution of certain
4 State lottery proceeds each fiscal year to the Problem Gambling Council of
5 Maryland; requiring that the proceeds be used only to provide a grant for certain
6 programs for Maryland residents; requiring a certain report; providing for the
7 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the State lottery and the
8 Problem Gambling Council of Maryland.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - State Government
11 Section 9-120
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - State Government**

17 9-120.

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

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

22 (2) then, except as provided in § 10-113.1 of the Family Law Article and
23 § 11-618 of the Criminal Procedure Article, the holder of each winning ticket or share.

24 (b) (1) [Promptly] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
25 SUBSECTION, PROMPTLY after the 1st day of each month, the Comptroller shall pay:

1 (i) into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund the money that
2 remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of the sports lotteries conducted
3 for the benefit of the Maryland Stadium Authority, after the distribution under
4 subsection (a) of this section; and

5 (ii) into the General Fund of the State the money that remains in
6 the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all other lotteries after the distribution
7 under subsection (a) of this section.

8 (2) (I) FROM MONEY THAT REMAINS IN THE STATE LOTTERY FUND
9 AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE
10 COMPTROLLER EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL DISTRIBUTE \$100,000 TO A SPECIAL FUND.

11 (II) THE SPECIAL FUND SHALL BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE A
12 GRANT TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNCIL OF MARYLAND TO PAY OPERATING
13 EXPENSES FOR PROGRAMS FOR MARYLAND RESIDENTS DEDICATED TO REDUCING
14 PROBLEM GAMBLING THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION, CRISIS INTERVENTION,
15 AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

16 (III) THE PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNCIL OF MARYLAND SHALL
17 REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND HOUSE WAYS AND
18 MEANS COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF THE GRANT ESTABLISHED UNDER
19 SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, INCLUDING:

- 20 1. EFFORTS TO REDUCE PROBLEM GAMBLING IN
21 MARYLAND;
- 22 2. THE TYPES OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO PROBLEM
23 GAMBLERS; AND
- 24 3. THE NUMBER OF PROBLEM GAMBLERS THAT RECEIVED
25 SERVICES.

26 [(2)] (3) The money paid into the General Fund under this subsection is
27 available in the fiscal year in which the money accumulates in the State Lottery
28 Fund.

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

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
33 September 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
34 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.