

HOUSE BILL 500

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HB 1326/19 – W&M

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By: **Delegate Walker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Lottery – Unclaimed Prizes – Distribution to Local Boards of Education**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency,
4 at the end of each fiscal year, to remit money in the unclaimed State lottery prize
5 fund to the Comptroller for distribution to each county board of education in the
6 State in a certain manner; providing that a distribution from the fund is
7 supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of certain funding; and
8 generally relating to the distribution of unclaimed State lottery prizes.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–122(f)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – State Government**

17 9–122.

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

20 (2) (I) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the
21 Director shall keep an unclaimed prize:

22 [(i)] 1. for 182 days after the drawing in which the prize is won,
23 for payment of the winner; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(ii)] 2. then in an unclaimed prize fund [for use for other prizes].

2 (II) AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE DIRECTOR SHALL
3 REMIT ANY UNCLAIMED PRIZE MONEY IN THE UNCLAIMED PRIZE FUND TO THE
4 COMPTROLLER TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN
5 THE STATE ON A PRO RATA BASIS DETERMINED BY THE TOTAL LOTTERY SALES
6 MADE IN EACH COUNTY.

7 (III) A DISTRIBUTION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
8 PARAGRAPH IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF
9 FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE
10 LAW FOR COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

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

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2020.