

Chapter 661

(House Bill 1179)

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery – Sales of Lottery Tickets and Tickets From Instant Ticket Lottery Machines – Commissions

FOR the purpose of altering certain commissions that certain licensed agents receive from certain lottery ticket sales and that certain veterans organizations receive from sales of tickets from certain instant ticket lottery machines; ~~requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of at least a certain amount to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund;~~ and generally relating to commissions for sales of lottery tickets and tickets from instant ticket lottery machines.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section ~~9-112(d)(3), 9-120(b)(1)(ii), and 9-913(a)~~ 9-112(d)(3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section ~~9-117(a)(1) and 9-913(d) through (f)~~

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~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – State Government~~

~~Section 9-913(e)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

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

Article – State Government

9-112.

(d) (3) After deduction of any commission and validation prize payout as provided under § 9-117 of this subtitle, a veterans’ organization issued a license under this subsection shall credit the remaining receipts from the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines to the State Lottery Fund established under § 9-118 of this subtitle.

9-117.

(a) (1) A licensed agent shall receive regular commissions of ~~[5.5%]~~ **6%** of the licensed agent's gross receipts from ticket sales.

~~9-120.~~

~~(b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall deposit, cause to be deposited, or pay:~~

~~(ii) after June 30, 2014, into the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund 10% of the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of sales of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines by veterans' organizations under § 9-112(d) of this subtitle, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section;~~

~~9-913.~~

~~(a) In this section, "Fund" means the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.~~

~~(d) The Fund consists of:~~

~~(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;~~

~~[(1)] (2) gifts and grants that the Trust receives under § 9-914.2(a)(1) of this subtitle; and~~

~~[(2)] (3) contributions to the Fund from:~~

~~(i) the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines under § 9-112(d) of this title;~~

~~(ii) the donations from video lottery facility players under § 9-1A-04(d)(19) of this title;~~

~~(iii) the designated fees from special registration plates for recipients of an individually earned, combat-related armed forces medal under § 13-619.1 of the Transportation Article; and~~

~~(iv) civil penalties collected in accordance with § 9-905.1 of this subtitle.~~

~~(e) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE FUND.~~

~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 TO THE FUND.~~

~~[(c)] (F) Money in the Fund may only be used to:~~

- ~~(1) make grants and loans under § 9-914.2(a)(3) of this subtitle;~~
- ~~(2) be invested under § 9-914.3(b) of this subtitle; and~~
- ~~(3) pay the costs of administering the Fund through distribution to an administrative cost account in the Department.~~

~~[(f)] (G) Money expended from the Fund is not intended to take the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated to the Department.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.