

HOUSE BILL 1179

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By: **Delegate Johnson**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9–112(d)(3), 9–120(b)(1)(ii), and 9–913(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – State Government
18 Section 9–117(a)(1) and 9–913(d) through (f)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – State Government
23 Section 9–913(e)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – State Government**

2 9–112.

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

7 9–117.

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

10 9–120.

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

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

17 9–913.

18 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

19 (d) The Fund consists of:

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

21 ~~[(1)]~~ **(2)** gifts and grants that the Trust receives under § 9–914.2(a)(1) of
22 this subtitle; and

23 ~~[(2)]~~ **(3)** contributions to the Fund from:

24 (i) the sale of tickets from instant ticket lottery machines under §
25 9–112(d) of this title;

26 (ii) the donations from video lottery facility players under §
27 9–1A–04(d)(19) of this title;

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

1 (iv) civil penalties collected in accordance with § 9–905.1 of this
2 subtitle.

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

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

8 **[(e)] (F)** Money in the Fund may only be used to:

9 (1) make grants and loans under § 9–914.2(a)(3) of this subtitle;

10 (2) be invested under § 9–914.3(b) of this subtitle; and

11 (3) pay the costs of administering the Fund through distribution to an
12 administrative cost account in the Department.

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

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