



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Vanessa E. Atterbeary

Members of Ways and Means Committee

RE:HB1179 State Lottery – Sales of Lottery Tickets and Tickets from Instant
Ticket Lottery Machines

Position – In Favor

The 2012 gaming expansion legislation which was adopted during the special session, included a provision that increased retail lottery agent commissions from 5% to 6% in a two-step process.

Step One:

From 5% to 5.5% beginning Jan. 1, 2014

Step Two:

From 5.5% to 6% upon the issuance of license for a video lottery facility in Baltimore City. A promise broken when the Budget reconciliation and financing Act of 2014 struck step two commission increase that would have brought agents to agreed on 6%.

8 years latter agents still receive 5.5% even though costs of labor, benefits, costs of retail space, and the cost for doing business and keeping a dedicated lottery terminal operator has dramatically increased.

Time has come to Honor a promise that was broken by passing this legislation.

Please give HB1179 a favorable report.

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and independent repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net