



February 23, 2023

Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – House Bill 566 - State Lottery – Internet Sales of Subscription Plans – Authorization

Dear Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (“MLGCA” or “Agency”) submits this letter of information to the Ways and Means Committee (“Committee”), as background information regarding House Bill 566 – State Lottery – Internet Sales of Subscription Plans – Authorization.

This proposed legislation would amend State Government Article §9-111(e) by authorizing Lottery players to purchase a Lottery subscription through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device. The existing prohibition on Lottery ticket sales through the internet will remain unchanged. This legislation is a customer service measure.

Currently, a subscription player must complete a State Lottery subscription application from the Lottery’s website, print the completed application and mail it to the Agency, along with a check, for processing the player’s subscription plan. Once the Agency completes its review of the application and payment, the Agency then activates the player’s subscription, and the player receives an email that the subscription plan has been activated for the requested number of drawings.

This proposal has no economic impact on small businesses that sell lottery tickets at physical locations, as this bill merely makes it easier for an established group of subscription players to purchase their subscription plan, through a streamlined subscription process.

Thank you for your consideration of this information, as the Agency takes no position on this proposed bill. If you should have any questions or need more information about this subject, please do not hesitate to contact Sean Ford, MLGCA’s Director of Legislation and Policy Development, at 410-230-8988 or sean.ford@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Committee Members
Delegate Ebersole