



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

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Chair: Vanessa Atterbeary
Members of Ways and Means Committee

RE: HB 566
Position: Unfavorable

There are over 4400 lottery agents in the state that employ thousand of workers. Allowing subscription to be accessed online would eat into lottery agents' sales and employment. Lottery agents' sales contributed \$1.391 billion to the State of Maryland in FY2021 and \$1.511 billion in FY 2022.

What's not counted in this dollar amount is the 6% sales tax on items that are purchased in store along with \$.427 on every gallon of fuel purchased. Customers like one stop shopping, business and employees benefit, along with the State of Maryland.

Agents put a human face on the lottery and at the same time protect against underage purchases. Do not fix what's not broken.

Please give HB 566 unfavorable Report

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