



**MARYLAND STATE
LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION**

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House Ways and Means Committee
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House Bill 618 – *State Lottery – Internet Sales of Subscription Plans – Authorization*
POSTION: OPPOSE

The Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association (MSLBA), which consists of approximately 850 Maryland businesses holding alcoholic beverage licenses (restaurants, bars, taverns and package stores), opposes House Bill 618.

House Bill 618 would allow the Maryland Lottery to sell subscriptions through electronic devices. We oppose this legislation as introduced.

MSLBA has opposed the development of iLottery sales due to the impact it would have upon ticket sales by brick and mortar stores, which are the backbone of the State's fourth largest source of revenue. We feel similarly about allowing subscription sales through electronic devices.

However, as to subscription sales, MSLBA has for years asked to be able to sell them in stores but to no avail. They remain obtainable only by filling out a form that has to be mailed to the Lottery. If the General Assembly does move forward with this proposal, it should allow lottery retailers to sell subscriptions in their stores, too. In fact, we believe this should be implemented before any subscription sales are allowed through electronic devices.

Thank you for your consideration.

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