

CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT to amend the Lottery System.

Other laws are, 1828, ch. 129; 1831, ch. 79, 284; 1835, ch. 205. See notes to 1821, ch. 232, ante page 777.

To prevent and punish the violations of the various provisions of this law, various amendments thereto have been incorporated with the laws of this state, yet, as none of them repeal directly any of the enactments of this law, it is deemed proper that the responsibility of giving a construction to these laws, should be left to the judicial tribunals of this state. They will therefore be reprinted, except where there shall be an obvious conflict.

Lottery
commissioners'
bonds.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That before any commissioner of lotteries shall proceed to act as such, or shall be entitled to receive any salary, or other compensation whatsoever, he shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with two securities to be approved by the governor and council, each bond to be in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned, that the said commissioner shall well and truly perform and discharge the several duties required of him as a commissioner of lotteries, and that he will abstain from and avoid all manner of concern or interest in the gain or loss of any lottery scheme, and that he will not be concerned in the purchase of any lottery ticket or tickets, part or parts thereof, and that he will faithfully pay over all moneys which shall come into his hands, as a commissioner of lotteries, to the person or persons, body or bodies corporate or politic, who shall be entitled to receive the same, and that he will in all respects comply with the requisitions of the existing laws of this state, and of such as may hereafter be enacted in relation to his duties as a commissioner of lotteries; and the said bond shall be recorded among the records of the executive department, by the clerk of the council, and a copy thereof under the seal of the department, shall be to all intents and purposes as available evidence in any court of justice in this state, as the original would be if produced and legally proved; and the state of Maryland, and all bodies corporate or politic, or individuals, who may be interested in the performance of the duties intended to be secured by the said bond, shall be at liberty to demand a copy thereof, and to institute a suit or suits thereon, in the name of the state, for his, her or their use, and may recover thereon the full amount of debt or damages, which he, she, or they may shew him, her or themselves to be entitled to, or may have sustained: *Provided however,* that the present commissioners may be allowed until the first Monday of May next, to give the bond required by this act, and in the mean time may proceed to act, under the bonds which may have been given according to the provisions of the act of December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter two hundred and

Proviso.