

drawn, under direction of the commissioners of lotteries, in the manner persued by them, in relation to the State's schemes, and this obligation on the part of the state, still exists, notwithstanding an end has been put to the lottery system, so far as regards herself; and whereas by the laws now in force, the licenses to sell tickets in the consolidated lotteries, are grantable by the clerks of the counties, and Baltimore city court, and the advantage to be derived from their issue, by the commissioners of lotteries, under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, is lost to the consolidated lotteries, the termination of which, is thereby protracted; and whereas it is desirable, as well for the reason just mentioned, as for the augmentation of the states revenue, from this source, that the said licenses, shall be issued as hath been the case, for the last ten years, by the commissioners of lotteries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any clerk of a court, to issue any licenses, to sell tickets in this state. Clerk forbid to issue.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be lawful for the commissioners of lotteries, to issue to the person, or persons, who may contract to draw the consolidated lotteries, such number of licenses, not less than forty, at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars each, for use of the state, as said contractors may agree to take said licenses, to authorise the sale of tickets, or parts of tickets, only in the consolidated lotteries, and to be assignable in writing, with the previous consent of the commissioners of lotteries. Commissioners to issue licenses.

SEC. 3. *And it is further enacted,* That the contractors for the consolidated lotteries, for the current year, upon surrendering to the lottery commissioners, the license under which they, and their agents now act, shall be credited with the amount, part therefor, in settling for any licenses which may be issued to them, for the same year, under the provisions of this act. Contractors to be credited with amount; &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall go into operation from, and immediately after, the passage thereof. To take effect from passage of this act.