

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

240AA.

(F) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE A DETERMINATION FROM THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NOTICE WHETHER THE PROTEST HAS MERIT AND, UPON SUCH A FINDING, SHALL EITHER DISMISS THE PROTEST OR DISALLOW THE ACTION OF THE INSURER AND SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE INSURER AND THE INSURED IN WRITING OF HIS ACTION. THE AGGRIEVED PARTY, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF ACTION, MAY REQUEST A HEARING. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONDUCT A HEARING WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THE REQUEST AND SHALL GIVE NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING. AT THE HEARING THE INSURER HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING ITS PROPOSED ACTION TO BE JUSTIFIED, AND, IN DOING SO, MAY RELY ONLY UPON THE REASONS SET FORTH IN ITS NOTICE TO THE INSURED.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 2, 1978.

CHAPTER 287

(Senate Bill 1094)

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery - Claim Period

FOR the purpose of reducing the claim period for redeeming winning tickets in the Maryland State Lottery; and conforming other references to this claim period.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88D - State Lottery
Section 16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 88D - State Lottery