

(House Bill 557)

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery Claim Period

FOR the purpose of increasing the claim period for redeeming winning tickets in the State lottery; conforming other references to this claim period; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88D - State Lottery
Section 16
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

16.

Unclaimed prizes for a winning ticket or share shall be retained by the director for the person entitled thereto for [90 days] ~~1-YEAR~~ 180 DAYS after the drawing in which the prize was won. If no claim is made for the prize within the [90 days] ~~YEAR~~ 180 DAYS, the prize shall remain in the State Lottery Fund for further use as prizes. [Nothing in this] THIS section [shall] MAY NOT be construed to prohibit the holding of bonus games or drawings with a preannounced period for the claiming of prizes of other than [90 days] ~~1~~ YEAR 180 DAYS. A bonus game or drawing shall be any game, so designated by the State Lottery Agency, other than regular weekly or daily lottery drawings. [This section shall apply to all prizes won on or after May 24, 1973, except as may be modified by this article.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July-17-1980~~ January 1, 1981.

Approved May 6, 1980.

CHAPTER 404

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