

related to the assignment; authorizing the State Lottery Agency to establish a certain fee; requiring that a contract of assignment include a certain affidavit completed by the assignee; specifying the contents of the affidavit; requiring an assignee to notify the State Lottery Agency of certain information under certain circumstances; requiring that a husband and wife who are co-owners of a prize assign the prize in a certain way; prohibiting certain court orders from requiring the State Lottery Agency to divide a single prize payment in a certain way; allowing the substitution of assignees under certain circumstances; prohibiting a court from allowing an assignment under certain circumstances; specifying that, if certain provisions of this Act are inconsistent with certain other provisions of law, the provisions of this Act shall prevail; providing that contracts or agreements that are made or entered into on or before a certain date and purport to assign or grant interest in prize payments are void; and generally relating to the State lottery.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 9–122

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

9–122.

(a) The regulations of the Agency shall provide for winning tickets to be drawn at least once a week.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, § 10–113.1 of the Family Law Article, and § 11–618 of the Criminal Procedure Article, a prize won under this subtitle is not assignable.

(2) If the prize winner dies before the prize is paid, the prize may be paid to the estate of the prize winner.

(3) Under appropriate court order, a prize won under this subtitle may be paid to a person other than the winner.

(4) (I) THE RIGHT OF A PERSON TO RECEIVE PAYMENT UNDER A PRIZE THAT IS PAID IN INSTALLMENTS OVER TIME BY THE AGENCY MAY BE VOLUNTARILY ASSIGNED AS A WHOLE OR IN PART, IF THE ASSIGNMENT IS MADE TO A PERSON DESIGNATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDER OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGENCY IS LOCATED.

(II) A CIRCUIT COURT SPECIFIED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY HEAR PETITIONS FOR APPROVAL OF VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENTS.