

Section 9-122  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2004 Replacement Volume)

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 A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT WHERE THE ASSIGNING PRIZE WINNER RESIDES OR WHERE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGENCY IS LOCATED.

(II) A COURT MAY ISSUE AN ORDER APPROVING A VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT AND DIRECTING THE AGENCY TO MAKE PRIZE PAYMENTS AS A WHOLE OR IN PART TO THE ASSIGNEE IF THE COURT FINDS THAT:

1. THE ASSIGNMENT IS IN WRITING, IS EXECUTED BY THE ASSIGNOR, AND IS BY ITS TERMS SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE;

2. THE ASSIGNOR PROVIDES A SWORN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING THAT THE ASSIGNOR IS OF SOUND MIND, IS IN FULL COMMAND OF THE ASSIGNOR'S FACULTIES, AND IS NOT ACTING UNDER DURESS;

3. THE ASSIGNOR HAS BEEN ADVISED ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT BY AN INDEPENDENT ATTORNEY WHO IS NOT RELATED TO AND NOT COMPENSATED BY THE ASSIGNEE OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE ASSIGNEE;

4. THE ASSIGNOR HAS RECEIVED INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL OR TAX ADVICE CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF THE ASSIGNMENT FROM AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL WHO IS UNRELATED TO AND IS NOT COMPENSATED BY THE ASSIGNEE OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE ASSIGNEE;