SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

CHAPTER 149

(Senate Bill 191)

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery - Obligations

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State and certain units of State government from raising the defense of sovereign immunity in the courts of this State in an action in contract that is based on the liability of the State to pay the annuitant of a certain ticket the prize that the annuitant is entitled to receive in accordance with the Maryland State Lottery Law and certain regulations.

BY adding to

Article - State Government Section 9-122(f) Annotated Code of Maryland (1984 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.

(F) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE, THE STATE AND EVERY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RAISE THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IN THE COURTS OF THE STATE IN AN ACTION IN CONTRACT BROUGHT BY AN ANNUITANT THAT IS BASED ON THE LIABILITY OF THE STATE TO PAY AN ANNUITANT THE PRIZE THAT THE ANNUITANT IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.