CHAPTER 316

(House Bill 1262)

AN ACT concerning

State Lottery Agents - Rental Payments Based on Gross Sales or Receipts

FOR the purpose of clarifying the basis for calculating rent in certain-leases for premises on which State lottery tickets are sold by a licensed lottery agent where the rent is based on gross sales or receipts; providing for an exception; and generally relating to rental payments for rental property on which State lottery tickets are sold.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government Section 9-117 Annotated Code of Maryland (1984 Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

9-117.

- (a) During a calendar year, a licensed agent may not receive regular commissions that exceed 5% of the licensed agent's gross receipts from ticket sales made during that year.
- (b) (1) The Commission may authorize the payment of special bonuses or incentives to licensed agents and their employees.
- (2) The total of the bonuses and incentives may not exceed one-half of 1% of the gross receipts from ticket sales for the year for which the bonuses or incentives are awarded.
- (3) Lottery sales agents may not offer patrons inducements of alcoholic beverages to purchase or redeem lottery tickets.
- (4) For fiscal year 1988 and for all fiscal years thereafter, the Agency shall appropriate funds for the bonuses and incentives in the Agency's operating budget.
- (C) UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED BY A LEASE FOR PREMISES ON WHICH LOTTERY TICKETS ARE SOLD, AND-SUBJECT-TO-THE LIMITATION-PROVIDED-IN-PARAGRAPH-(3)-OF-THIS-SUBSECTION, WHENEVER