

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 137

AN ACT concerning

~~State Lottery Prizes - Assignment~~ - Assignment of Prizes

FOR the purpose of providing that a winner of a certain State Lottery prize may assign the prize under certain circumstances if the winner follows certain procedures; prohibiting the State Lottery Agency from ~~contesting certain petitions~~ opposing in court a certain petition; providing for the manner in which certain lottery winnings may be assigned; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the State Lottery Agency to request a certain ruling from the Internal Revenue Service; requiring the State Lottery Agency to provide certain information to the Department of Legislative Reference; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing that certain sections of this Act are contingent on a certain ruling; and generally relating to the payment of State Lottery prizes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 9-122(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 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.

(b) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "LOTTO" MEANS A PARI-MUTUEL GAME IN WHICH PLAYERS SELECT A SET OF NUMBERS FROM A FIELD OF AT LEAST 40 NUMBERS.

(II) LOTTO "LOTTO" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PICK-3, PICK-4, PICK-5, KENO, OR SCRATCH-OFF GAME.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, § 10-113.1 of the Family Law Article, and Article 27, § 640B of the Code, a prize won under this subtitle is not assignable.

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

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