<u>delayed effective date</u>; and generally relating to the commission paid to licensed agents of the State Lottery Agency.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 9-101(a), (b), and (g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Section 9-117(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

9-101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Agency" means the State Lottery Agency.
- (g) "Licensed agent" means a person or governmental unit licensed by the Director to act as a State lottery sales agent.

9-117.

- (a) (1) During a calendar year, a licensed agent [may not] SHALL receive regular commissions [that exceed] OF 5% of the licensed agent's gross receipts from ticket sales made during that year.
- (2) A licensed agent may further receive a cashing fee not to exceed 3% of valid prizes paid for services rendered in cashing winning tickets.
- [(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the Agency shall pay a licensed agent a commission of 5% of the licensed agent's gross receipts on the sale of instant tickets.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999 2000.

Approved May 27, 1999.