Chapter 451

(House Bill 300)

AN ACT concerning

Video Lottery Terminals – Disposition of Unclaimed Winnings

FOR the purpose of specifying that a jackpot won at a video lottery terminal that is not claimed by the winner within a certain number of days after the jackpot is won shall become the property of the State and be distributed in a certain manner; and generally relating to video lottery gaming in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–26
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – State Government

9–1A–26.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, all proceeds from the operation of video lottery terminals and table games shall be electronically transferred daily into the State Lottery Fund established under Subtitle 1 of this title and distributed as provided under § 9–1A–27 of this subtitle.

(2) The requirement under paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply on a day when State government is closed.

(3) The amount from the proceeds of video lottery terminals to be paid to video lottery operation licensees under § 9–1A–27(a)(2) and (7), (b), and (c)(1)(ii) and (2) of this subtitle shall be retained by the licensee.

(b) (1) The Commission shall account to the Comptroller for all of the revenue under this subtitle.

(2) The proceeds from video lottery terminals and table games shall be under the control of the Comptroller and**, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,** shall be distributed as provided under § 9–1A–27 of this subtitle.

(C) A JACKPOT WON AT A VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL THAT IS NOT CLAIMED BY THE WINNER WITHIN 182 DAYS AFTER THE JACKPOT IS WON SHALL:

(1) BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE; AND

(2) BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) 2.5% TO THE SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN–OWNED BUSINESSES ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–1A–35 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) 9.5% IN LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9–1A–31 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(III) 10% TO THE PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–1A–28 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(IV) 1.5% TO THE RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–1A–29 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(V) THE REMAINDER TO THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–1A–30 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(c)**] (D)** The admissions and amusement tax may not be imposed on any proceeds from the operation of video lottery terminals and table games.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.