

The Governor originally appointed this Commission in 1967 to replace the Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The Commission's functions were revised by Executive Orders in 1969 and 1971. The present Commission was reconstituted by Executive Orders in 1975. Commission members represent all segments of the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems as well as the public at large.

The Commission is the State agency responsible for law enforcement, criminal justice, and crime prevention planning in Maryland. The Commission also administers the Federal Crime Control Act and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The Commission is responsible for developing a comprehensive law enforcement and criminal justice plan and for making grants to local governments and State agencies for programs consistent with that plan.

A professional staff headed by an Executive Director and composed of professionals in the field of law enforcement, courts, corrections, juvenile delinquency prevention and control, data systems, financial administration, auditing, and publications provides support to the Commissioners. The staff develops Comprehensive Plan proposals for the Commission's consideration, provides technical assistance to units of local government and other State agencies, financially administers all grant programs, and evaluates all projects funded by the Governor's Commission.

## MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AGENCY

### STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION

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The General Assembly created the State Lottery Agency by Chapter 365, Acts of 1972 (Article 88D of the Annotated Code of Maryland) for the purpose of generating revenue to help support the operation of the State. The establishment of the Agency was contingent upon the adoption of an amendment to Article III, Section 36, of the Constitution of Maryland. The amendment was ratified by referendum on November 7, 1972, and accordingly the Agency commenced operation on January 2, 1973, under the guidance of a Commission and the immediate supervision of a Director.

The Commission consists of five members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland for specified terms. The Commission members annually elect one member as Chairperson of the Commission.

The Agency is under the immediate supervision and direction of a Director appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director is aided by three Deputy Directors who are appointed by the Director with the approval of the Commission.

The Agency conducts a statewide lottery operation from its Baltimore headquarters consisting of weekly and daily games. For the weekly game a distribution and collection system is maintained with the cooperation of commercial banks in various areas of the State for the purpose of distributing weekly lottery tickets, retrieving unsold weekly tickets, and collecting weekly lottery revenues due. The actual lottery ticket sales outlets consist of retail establishments such as drug stores, food stores, and liquor stores. Weekly televised drawings are held and prizes are claimed through any of the Claim Centers located in selected existing commercial establishments and public facilities throughout the State. Millionaire drawings are held periodically depending on the accumulation of sufficient prize money.

In July 1976, the Agency began a legal pick-your-own three-digit daily lottery called "The Numbers Game", which is patterned after the illegal street game. Retail establishments offer daily lottery tickets for sale through a terminal connected to a computerized on-line real-time system. Drawings in "The Numbers Game" are held daily Monday through Saturday and are also televised (Code 1957, Art. 88D).