

Title 36
MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY
Subtitle 02 LOTTERY PROVISIONS
Chapter 07 Unclaimed Lottery Prizes

Authority: State Government Article, §§9-103, 9-104, 9-109—9-111, and 9-122, Annotated
Code of Maryland

.01 Prize Claiming Period.

A. Unclaimed Monetary Award.

(1) The Director shall retain an unclaimed monetary award for 182 days after ~~[the date of]~~ the:

- (a) Drawing date ~~[in which the prize was won]~~;
- (b) Date the Fast Play game ticket was sold; or
- (c) Announced end of game date for an instant ticket.

(2) If no claim for a monetary award is made within 182 days, the Director shall transfer the monetary award to ~~[an unclaimed prize fund]~~ the Unclaimed Prize Fund.

B. Unclaimed Merchandise or Experiential Award.

(1) The Director shall designate the time period for retaining unclaimed merchandise or an experiential award.

(2) If no claim is made for merchandise or an experiential award within the time period designated by the Director, the Director shall designate how the Agency will handle the merchandise or experiential award consistent with any Agency contract or license agreement for the merchandise or experiential award.

(3) If no time period has been designated by the Director for retaining unclaimed merchandise or an experiential award, the period for claiming the award may not exceed 182 days.

C. Unclaimed Prizes Held Other Than 182 Days. The Director may hold a prize in a game or drawing for a period of time other than 182 days if:

- (1) The game is not a weekly, ~~[or]~~ daily or multi jurisdictional lottery drawing;
- (2) The Director designated the game as a bonus game or drawing; and
- (3) The Director designates the claiming period to be a time other than 182 days.

.02 Unclaimed Prize Fund.

A. Prize money ~~[on winning tickets]~~ from a winning ticket that ~~[have]~~ has not been claimed within the claiming period for that game shall accrue to the ~~[unclaimed prize fund]~~ Unclaimed Prize Fund.

1 B. The Director may institute bonus prizes using funds from the ~~[unclaimed prize fund]~~
2 Unclaimed Prize Fund.

3 C. Bonus Prizes.

4 (1) The bonus prizes shall be determined by the Director.

5 ~~[D. (2)]~~ The Director may change the number of bonus prize categories and the allocation of
6 prize money among the prize categories.

7 ~~[E.] (3)~~ The Agency shall announce any change to the number of bonus prize categories and to
8 the allocation of prize money among the prize categories.