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INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINE PROGRAM FAQs

What is an Instant Ticket Lottery Machine (ITLM)?
An ITLM is an electronic device that dispenses tickets and utilizes a touchscreen monitor. The device scans and validates the barcode on the instant ticket as it is dispensed and displays the result of the ticket on the touchscreen monitor in an entertaining fashion. The device accumulates winnings for the player and prints out a voucher at the conclusion of play that can be redeemed for cash or inserted into another ITLM for continued play. ITLMs were authorized under Senate Bill 1 during the 2012 second special session of the Maryland General Assembly for veterans' organizations. Authorized for fraternal and sororal organization came under House Bill 328 during the 2025 Maryland General Assembly.

Who can have ITLMs?
Veterans'' organizations that are tax exempt and organized under section 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible for the ITLM program and can operate no more than five (5) ITLMs if approved by the MLGCA. Fraternal and sororal organizations that are tax exempt under section 501(c)(7) or (8) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible for the ITLM program and can operate no more than three (3) ITLMs if approved by the MLGCA. Additional qualifiers apply. Under law, veterans' organizations located in the following counties do not qualify – Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester.

Where can the ITLMs be located?
ITLMs shall be located in the organization's primary meeting hall in the county in which they are located. The organization is required to provide space for the ITLMs, a server rack and some storage for the instant tickets. The Lottery vendor will provide all equipment and network connection.

How can the ITLM help veterans' and fraternal/sororal organizations?
The ITLM can be used to generate proceeds to help support veterans' and fraternal/sororal organizations. The veterans' organization will be able to keep 50% of the proceeds from the ITLMs. The fraternal/sororal organization will be able to keep 25% of the proceeds from the ITLMs. ITLMs are estimated to generate net proceeds of $100 per day per machine. Please note the Lottery does not guarantee any level of performance on the ITLMs.

How much do the ITLMs cost?
There will be no upfront cost to the organizations for the ITLMs. The ITLMs and their ongoing support and maintenance will be paid for by a percentage of the net proceeds. The veterans' organizations will keep 50% of the net proceeds and fraternal/sororal organizations will keep 25% of the net proceeds for their own purposes.

What is the payout rate of the ITLMs?
The payout rate is 90.5%.

How old does someone have to be to play an ITLM?
You have to be at least 18 years old to play an ITLM.

How much staff is required to support ITLMs?
At least one individual is required to be on staff during all times of ITLM operation.

How long is the approval/installation process?
Typically the approval & installation process takes between 60 to 90 days.

How to apply for an ITLM license?
Please contact the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency at itlm.program@maryland.gov for an application.