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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DIRECTING THE PROCEEDS FROM CHARITABLE VIDEO LOTTERY MACHINES TO AND CHANGING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE DELAWARE VETERANS TRUST FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 4819A, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 4819A. Charitable video lottery machines use and restrictions.

(c)(1) Proceeds returned to the State. ~~Amounts remaining after~~ After making all payments to players under subsection (b) of this section, ~~there shall be returned~~ an eligible charitable gaming organization must return to the State 40%. ~~If, from the amounts remaining, either of the following:~~

a. Forty percent.

b. Thirty percent, if the Director determines that a charitable video lottery machine at an authorized charitable gaming organization is connected to the lottery's central computer system, ~~then there shall be 35% returned to the State. From the amount returned to the State, the system.~~

(2) The vendor who supplies the charitable video lottery machines ~~shall be paid. In addition, 1% of the proceeds returned to the State from this section shall be sent~~ must be paid from the amount returned to the State.

(3) Proceeds returned to the State under this section must be allocated as follows:

a. One percent to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health of the Department of Health and Social Services for funding programs for the treatment, ~~education~~ education, and assistance of compulsive gamblers and their families.

b. Two percent to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund under § 8721 of this title.

Section 2. Amend § 8721, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 8721. Delaware Commission of Veterans' Affairs — Duties and responsibilities.

(f) The Commission shall establish and administer the "Delaware Veterans Trust Fund" which will provide financial assistance or grants to ~~honorably discharged~~ veterans with a minimum discharge of general discharge under honorable conditions, and their surviving spouses, to cover costs associated with medical and dental needs; medical transportation; homelessness support; home repairs and safety modifications; household utilities; and educational or retraining programs.

Section 3. Section 1 of this Act takes effect on July 1, 2019.

Section 4. Section 2 of this Act takes effect on January 1, 2020.

SYNOPSIS

This Act makes all veterans with a minimum discharge of general discharge under honorable conditions and their surviving spouses eligible for assistance from the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, effective January 1, 2020. This Act also directs 2% of the proceeds returned to the State from the proceeds of charitable video lottery machines to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, effective July 1, 2019, so that there are sufficient funds to assist the expanded number of individuals who will be eligible for assistance.

This Act also makes technical corrections to improve clarity of existing law and to conform it to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.