

## EMERGENCY BILL

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**By: Senator Kasemeyer**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Racing - Uncashed Tickets - Maryland Million, Ltd.**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that money from uncashed pari-mutuel tickets that are  
4 from bets made into mutuel pools of mile thoroughbred licensees be paid to the  
5 Maryland Million, Ltd., as a grant to support and promote the running of Maryland  
6 Million races; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to audit licensees in  
7 accordance with certain provisions of law; requiring that this Act apply to all  
8 payments made by a licensee of money from uncashed pari-mutuel tickets  
9 purchased on or after July 1, 1997; limiting the use of money under this Act to  
10 certain purposes; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the  
11 termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to uncashed  
12 pari-mutuel tickets.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article - Business Regulation

15 Section 11-402 and 11-803

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article - Business Regulation

20 Section 11-313(d) and 11-521

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article - Business Regulation**

2 11-402.

3 The Special Fund consists of:

- 4 (1) the State share of daily licensee fees;
- 5 (2) pari-mutuel taxes;
- 6 (3) the impact aid under § 11-812 of this title;
- 7 (4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 11-521 OF THIS TITLE, money from  
8 uncashed pari-mutuel tickets that are from bets made into the betting pools of  
9 nonharness licensees; and
- 10 (5) any permit fees under §§ 11-820 and 11-832 of this title.

11 11-521.

12 (A) \$500,000 IN MONEY FROM UNCASHED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS THAT ARE  
13 FROM BETS MADE INTO THE MUTUEL POOLS OF MILE THOROUGHBRED LICENSEES  
14 SHALL BE PAID TO THE MARYLAND MILLION, LTD., AS A GRANT TO SUPPORT AND  
15 PROMOTE THE RUNNING OF MARYLAND MILLION RACES.

16 (B) MONEY PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
17 USED ONLY FOR MARKETING, PURSES, AND PROMOTION ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY  
18 RELATED TO THE RUNNING OF MARYLAND MILLION RACES.

19 11-803.

20 (a) If a winning ticket is not redeemed within 1 year, the licensee into whose  
21 betting pool the bet was placed shall pay the amount needed to redeem the ticket to:

22 (1) the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund under § 11-630 of this title for  
23 bets made into the betting pools of a harness licensee; [or]

24 (2) THE MARYLAND MILLION, LTD., UNDER § 11-521 OF THIS TITLE FOR  
25 BETS MADE INTO THE MUTUEL POOLS OF A MILE THOROUGHBRED LICENSEE; OR

26 [(2)] (3) the Commission, to be credited to the Special Fund under Subtitle 4  
27 of this title, for ALL OTHER bets [made into the betting pools of a nonharness licensee].

28 (b) Every year for the preceding calendar year, each licensee shall:

29 (1) report to the Commission the amount payable to the Maryland  
30 Standardbred Race Fund or the Commission under this section; and

31 (2) pay that amount to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund or the  
32 Commission, whichever is applicable.

33 (c) (1) The license of a licensee shall be revoked if the licensee:

34 (i) fails to report when money under this section is due; or

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1 (ii) knowingly or willfully submits a report that understates the amount  
2 due.

3 (2) A licensee whose license is revoked under this subsection may not hold  
4 a license for at least 1 year.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
6 read as follows:

7 **Article - Business Regulation**

8 11-313.

9 (D) THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS SHALL AUDIT EACH LICENSEE AT  
10 LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 2-1212  
11 THROUGH 2-1222 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

12 SECTION 2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to  
13 all payments made by a license of money from uncashed pari-mutuel tickets purchased on  
14 or after July 1, 1997.

15 SECTION 3- 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take~~  
16 effect July 1, 1997 is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation  
17 of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by  
18 three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General  
19 Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. At the end of June 30, 1998,  
20 with no further action required by the General Assembly, except for Section 2 of this Act,  
21 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.