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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Harness Racing - Racing Days - Telephone Betting

3 FOR the purpose of altering the total number of racing days that may be awarded in

- 4 a calendar year to one harness racing licensee; limiting in a certain way the
- 5 extent to which Ocean Downs may offer telephone betting to bettors; and
- 6 generally relating to harness racing.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 8 Article Business Regulation
- 9 Section 11-610 and 11-805(a)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

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

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Article - Business Regulation

15 11-610.

16 (a) (1) The Commission may not award more than [310] 365 racing days in 17 a calendar year to 1 licensee.

18 (2) The Commission may not award more than [620] 730 racing days in 19 a calendar year to all licensees.

20 (b) The decision of the Commission on the award of a racing day is final.

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1 11 805.

2 (a) (1) Except for racing held by the Maryland National Capital Park and

3 Planning Commission, the Commission may authorize telephone betting at any track

4 where racing is authorized.

5 (2) OCEAN DOWNS MAY OFFER TELEPHONE BETTING ONLY TO BETTORS
6 IN ANOTHER STATE OR IN CECIL, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, TALBOT, CAROLINE,
7 DORCHESTER, WICOMICO, WORCESTER, OR SOMERSET COUNTIES.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 9 October 1, 1999.