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## Horse Racing - Distribution of Video Lottery Revenues

FOR the purpose of altering certain distributions from the Purse Dedication Account for certain racing licensees; authorizing the use of certain revenues from the Purse Dedication Account for certain operating expenses at certain racetracks; permitting certain racing licensees to apply to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for certain grants from the Purse Dedication Account for certain purposes; authorizing a certain racing licensee to apply to the Secretary for a certain advance from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation; providing for the repayment of a certain advance from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to a certain racing licensee; requiring certain racing licensees to provide certain information to the Secretary under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary to approve certain grants and a certain advance from the Purse Dedication Account to certain racing licensees for certain expenses; placing certain conditions on the receipt of certain grants from the Purse Dedication Account and a certain advance from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation; permitting the use of certain revenues from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account for certain operating expenses at certain racetracks; altering the distribution of certain funds from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account for certain fiscal years; authorizing certain racing licensees to apply to the Secretary for certain grants from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account for certain purposes; authorizing the Secretary to approve certain grants from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account to certain racing licensees for certain expenses; requiring certain racing licensees to provide certain information to the Secretary under certain circumstances; placing certain conditions on the receipt of certain grants from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account; and generally relating to horse racing, the distribution of video lottery revenues, the Purse Dedication Account, and the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

1 2 3 4	Article – State Government Section 9–1A–01(a) and (w) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)
5 6 7 8 9	BY adding to Article – State Government Section 9–1A–01(x) Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)
10 11 12 13 14	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 9–1A–01(x) through (dd), 9–1A–09, 9–1A–28, and 9–1A–29 Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)
15 16	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
17	Article - State Government
18	9–1A–01.
19	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
20 21 22	(w) "Progressive jackpot system" means a system capable of linking one or more video lottery terminals in one or more licensed facilities and offering one or more common progressive jackpots.
23 24 25	(X) "RACING LICENSEE" MEANS THE HOLDER OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE RACING COMMISSION TO HOLD A RACE MEETING IN THE STATE UNDER TITLE 11 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.
26 27	[(x)] (Y) "Video lottery" means gaming or betting conducted using a video lottery terminal.
28 29 30	[(y)] (Z) "Video lottery destination location" means a location that is eligible for or has been awarded in the manner provided by law a video lottery operation license.
31 32	[(z)] (AA) "Video lottery employee" means an employee of a person who holds a license.
33 34	[(aa)] (BB) "Video lottery facility" means a facility at which players play video lottery terminals under this subtitle.

- [(bb)] (CC) "Video lottery operation license" means a license awarded by the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission and issued by the State Lottery Commission to a person that allows players to operate video lottery terminals.
  - [(cc)] **(DD)** "Video lottery operator" means a person licensed to operate a video lottery facility under this subtitle.
- [(dd)] (EE) (1) "Video lottery terminal" means any machine or other device that, on insertion of a bill, coin, token, voucher, ticket, coupon, or similar item, or on payment of any consideration:
- 9 (i) is available to play or simulate the play of any game of 10 chance in which the results, including the options available to the player, are 11 randomly determined by the machine or other device; and
- 12 (ii) by the element of chance, may deliver or entitle the player 13 who operates the machine or device to receive cash, premiums, merchandise, tokens, 14 or anything of value, whether the payout is made automatically from the device or in 15 any other manner.
- 16 (2) "Video lottery terminal" includes a machine or device:
- 17 (i) that does not directly dispense money, tokens, or anything of value to winning players; and
- 19 (ii) described under paragraph (1) of this subsection that uses 20 an electronic credit system making the deposit of bills, coins, or tokens unnecessary.
- 21 (3) "Video lottery terminal" does not include an authorized slot 22 machine operated by an eligible organization under Title 12, Subtitle 3 of the Criminal 23 Law Article.
- 24 9-1A-09.

- 25 (a) [In this section, "racing licensee" means the holder of a license issued by 26 the State Racing Commission to hold a race meeting in the State under Title 11 of the 27 Business Regulation Article.
- 28 (b)] As a condition of eligibility for funding under § 9–1A–29 of this subtitle, a 29 racing licensee shall:
- 30 (1) (i) for Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course, conduct a 31 minimum of 220 annual live racing days combined between Laurel Park or Pimlico 32 Race Course unless otherwise agreed to by the racing licensee and the organization 33 that represents the majority of licensed thoroughbred owners and trainers in the State 34 or unless the racing licensee is prevented by weather, acts of God, or other 35 circumstances beyond the racing licensee's control;

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1 2 3 4 5	(ii) for Rosecroft Raceway, conduct a minimum of 90 annual liveracing days unless otherwise agreed to by the racing licensee and the organization that represents the majority of licensed standardbred owners and trainers in the State or unless the racing licensee is prevented by weather, acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the racing licensee's control; and
6 7 8 9 10	(iii) for Ocean Downs Racetrack, conduct a minimum of 40 annual live racing days unless otherwise agreed to by the racing licensee and the organization that represents the majority of licensed standardbred owners and trainers in the State or unless the racing licensee is prevented by weather, acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the racing licensee's control;
11 12 13 14	(2) if the racing licensee holds the racing license for Pimlico Race Course, retain in the State of Maryland the name, common law and statutory copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade names, and horse racing events that are associated with the Preakness Stakes and the Woodlawn Vase;
15 16	(3) if the racing licensee holds the racing license for the Pimlico Race Course, promote and conduct the Preakness Stakes each year at:
17	(i) the Pimlico Race Course; or
18 19 20 21 22	(ii) if the Pimlico Race Course no longer exists, the Preakness Stakes Race is prevented from being conducted at the Pimlico Race Course, or the State Racing Commission, under § 11–513 of the Business Regulation Article, deems an emergency exists, another track located in the State that is approved by the State Racing Commission;
23 24 25	(4) if the racing licensee holds the racing license for Laurel Park, permit the event known as the Maryland Million to be run annually at Laurel Park unless:
26 27	(i) the racing licensee is prevented from doing so by weather, acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the control of the racing licensee; or
28 29	(ii) the racing licensee and the Maryland Million LLC agree to another location that is approved by the State Racing Commission;
30 31 32	(5) develop and submit to the State Racing Commission a multiyear plan to improve the quality and marketing of horse racing at racetrack locations owned or operated by the racing licensee in Maryland, which shall include:

(i) goals, indicators, and timelines for specific actions that will be taken by the racing licensee to improve the quality and marketing of the horse racing industry in Maryland; and

1 2	(ii) IF THE RACING LICENSEE REQUESTS A CAPITAL GRANT, a master plan for capital improvements that reflects, at a minimum:
3 4	1. commitments that have been made to the State Racing Commission; and
5 6 7 8	2. an ongoing investment in capital maintenance and improvements in the horse racing facilities of at least \$1,500,000 annually, which may include amounts provided as a matching fund as required under § [9–1A–29(e)(2)] 9–1A–29(F)(2) of this subtitle; and
9 10 11 12 13	(6) develop with other racing industry representatives a multiyear plan to improve the quality and marketing of the horse racing industry in Maryland, which shall include goals, indicators, and timelines for specific actions that will be taken by the thoroughbred and harness racing industries to improve the quality and marketing of the horse racing industry in Maryland, including joint marketing efforts.
14 15 16 17 18 19	[(c)] (B) As part of the capital maintenance and improvement items in the plan submitted under subsection [(b)(5)] (A)(5) of this section, a racing licensee shall include any improvements necessary to ensure that the condition of any part of the racetrack facility where individuals reside is satisfactory for human habitation and meets minimum housing and sanitation standards in the county where the facility is located.
20 21 22	[(d)] (C) The plans required under subsection [(b)] (A) of this section shall also be provided to the Department of General Services and to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly.
23 24 25 26 27 28	[(e)] (D) (1) If a video lottery operation license has been issued for a racetrack location at Laurel Park, the video lottery operation license for the location shall be revoked if the name, common law and statutory copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade names, or horse racing events that are associated with the Preakness Stakes Race or the Woodlawn Vase are transferred to a location outside the State.
29 30 31	(2) As an additional condition of a video lottery operation license, if a racetrack licensee holds a video lottery operation license for Laurel Park, the licensee shall be required to:
32 33	(i) promote and conduct the Preakness Stakes Race at the Pimlico Race Course each year; or
34 35 36 37	(ii) if the Pimlico Race Course no longer exists, the Preakness Stakes Race is prevented from being conducted at the Pimlico Race Course, or the State Racing Commission, under § 11–513 of the Business Regulation Article, deems an emergency exists, promote and conduct the Preakness Stakes Race each year at

another track located in the State that is approved by the State Racing Commission.

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1 2 3	(3) If a racetrack licensee has been issued a video lottery operation license for a racetrack location at Laurel Park, the licensee shall permit the event known as the Maryland Million to be run annually at Laurel Park unless:
4 5	(i) the licensee is prevented from doing so by weather, acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the control of the licensee; or
6 7	(ii) the licensee and the Maryland Million LLC agree to another location that is approved by the State Racing Commission.
8 9	(4) If a video lottery operation license is issued to a racetrack location at Laurel Park, the video lottery operation licensee shall:
10	(i) maintain the operation of the Bowie Training Center; or
11 12 13	(ii) if State law no longer requires the Bowie Training Center to operate as a training facility, convey the property associated with the Bowie Training Center to the State as preserved land under Program Open Space.
14	9–1A–28.
15 16	(a) There is a Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission.
17 18	(b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under $\S 9-1A-27$ of this subtitle.
19 20	(2) Money in the Account shall be invested and reinvested by the Treasurer and interest and earnings shall accrue to the Account.
21	(3) The Comptroller shall:
22	(i) account for the Account; and
23 24 25	(ii) on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the State Racing Commission, issue a warrant to pay out money from the Account in the manner provided under this section.
26 27	(4) The Account is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
28 29 30	(5) Expenditures from the Account shall only be made on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the State Racing Commission as provided under subsection (c) of this section.

Subject to subsections (d) and (e) of this section, the State Racing

Commission shall allocate funds in the Account as follows:

1	(1) 80% to the thoroughbred industry; and
2	(2) 20% to the standardbred industry.
3 4	(d) The amount of funds allocated to thoroughbred purses and the Maryland–bred Race Fund shall be allocated as follows:
5 6	(1) 89% to thoroughbred purses at the Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park, the racecourse in Allegany County, and the racecourse at Timonium; and
7	(2) 11% to the Maryland–bred Race Fund.
8	(e) The amount of funds allocated to standardbred purses and the Standardbred Race Fund shall be allocated as follows:
$egin{array}{c} 10 \ 11 \ 12 \end{array}$	(1) 89% to standardbred purses at Rosecroft Raceway, Ocean Downs Race Course, and the racecourse in Allegany County, allocated based on the number of live racing days at each track location; and
13	(2) 11% to the Standardbred Race Fund.
14 15 16	(f) From the amount provided to thoroughbred purses, the State Racing Commission shall pay an annual grant of \$100,000 to Fair Hill, as defined under § 11–811 of the Business Regulation Article.
17 18	(G) OF THE AMOUNT PROVIDED FROM THE PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION:
19 20 21 22 23	(1) FOR OCEAN DOWNS RACE COURSE, UP TO \$1,200,000 ANNUALLY MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT A MINIMUM OF 40 ANNUAL LIVE RACING DAYS UNLESS THE RACING LICENSEE IS PREVENTED BY WEATHER, ACTS OF GOD, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE RACING LICENSEE'S CONTROL; AND
24 25	(2) FOR ROSECROFT RACEWAY, UP TO \$1,200,000 ANNUALLY MAY BE USED TO:
26 27 28 29	(I) PROVIDE OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT A MINIMUM OF 40 ANNUAL LIVE RACING DAYS UNLESS THE RACING LICENSEE IS PREVENTED BY WEATHER, ACTS OF GOD, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE RACING LICENSEE'S CONTROL; AND
30 31	(II) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE RESUMPTION OF LIVE RACING AT ROSECROFT RACEWAY, REPAY:

- 1. A LOAN, NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000, OBTAINED
- 2 BY THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDCO), TO
- 3 MAKE AN ADVANCE TO THE OWNERS OF ROSECROFT RACEWAY, PLUS
- 4 REASONABLE INTEREST, FEES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF MEDCO
- 5 RELATED TO THE LOAN; OR
- 6 2. AN ADVANCE FROM MEDCO, NOT TO EXCEED
- 7 \$4,000,000 OF MEDCO'S OWN FUNDS, TO THE OWNERS OF ROSECROFT
- 8 RACEWAY, PLUS REASONABLE INTEREST, FEES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
- 9 OF MEDCO RELATED TO THE ADVANCE.
- 10 (H) (1) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ON A PROPERLY APPROVED
- 11 TRANSMITTAL PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING AND
- 12 REGULATION ISSUE A WARRANT TO PAY OUT MONEY FROM THE ACCOUNT
- 13 DIRECTLY TO MEDCO PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (G)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION
- 14 ON A SCHEDULE AGREED TO BY MEDCO AND THE SECRETARY.
- 15 (2) PAYMENTS TO MEDCO UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
- 16 **PAID:**
- 17 (I) PRIOR TO ANY PAYMENTS TO ROSECROFT RACEWAY
- 18 UNDER SUBSECTION (G)(2)(I) OF THIS SECTION; AND
- 19 (II) WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF LIVE RACING
- 20 DAYS CONDUCTED BY ROSECROFT RACEWAY.
- 21 (I) (1) TO OBTAIN OPERATING ASSISTANCE OR TO OBTAIN AN
- 22 ADVANCE FROM MEDCO UNDER THIS SECTION, A HOLDER OF A RACING
- 23 LICENSE TO RACE AT OCEAN DOWNS RACE COURSE OR ROSECROFT RACEWAY
- 24 MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION FOR
- 25 THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE RACING LICENSEE TO
- 26 CONDUCT THE ANNUAL LIVE RACING SCHEDULE.
- 27 (2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
- 28 RACING LICENSEE'S APPLICATION SHALL:
- 29 (I) INCLUDE A 12-MONTH BUSINESS PLAN THAT SETS
- 30 FORTH THE INCOME- AND EXPENSE-RELATED ITEMS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO
- 31 CONDUCT A LIVE RACING SCHEDULE OF AT LEAST THE NUMBER OF LIVE RACING
- 32 DAYS THAT WAS STATED IN THE APPLICATION; AND
- 33 (II) BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC
- 34 ACCOUNTANT.

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1	(3) ON THE COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION
2	BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, THE SECRETARY MAY AUTHORIZE THE
3	REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES BY THE RACING LICENSEE THAT ARE
4	NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL LIVE RACING SCHEDULE.
5	(4) ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RACING LICENSEE'S
6	APPLICATION SHALL BE PAID BY THE RACING LICENSEE.
7	(5) TO QUALIFY FOR AN ADVANCE FROM MEDCO UNDER THIS
8	SECTION, ROSECROFT RACEWAY:
9	(I) SHALL AGREE TO HIRE BACK WORKERS EMPLOYED AT
10	THE FACILITY PRIOR TO THE END OF LIVE RACING ON JUNE 27, 2008;
11	(II) SHALL RECOGNIZE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
12	AGREEMENTS THAT WERE IN PLACE AS OF JUNE 1, 2008;
13	(III) SHALL REINVEST ALL FORMS OF REVENUE EARNED BY
14	THE TRACK INTO OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE BENEFIT
15	OF ROSECROFT RACEWAY; AND
16	(IV) MAY NOT PAY ANY DIVIDENDS OR SIMILAR TYPES OF
17	PAYMENTS TO THE OWNERS OF ROSECROFT RACEWAY WHILE ANY AMOUNTS
18	DUE TO MEDCO UNDER THIS SECTION REMAIN UNPAID.
19	(6) In support of the racing licensee's application and
20	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
21	SUBSECTION, THE RACING LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY:
22	(I) MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY
23	THE SECRETARY, IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY; AND
24	(II) AN ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
25	(7) A RACING LICENSEE MAY NOT RECEIVE ASSISTANCE OR AN
26	ADVANCE FROM MEDCO UNDER THIS SECTION WHILE THE RACING LICENSEE

[(g)] (J) The provisions of this section may not be construed to apply to the racecourse in Allegany County until horse racing begins at that racecourse.

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31 [(h)] (K) On or before December 1, 2014, the State Racing Commission 32 shall:

$\frac{1}{2}$	(1) conduct a study to determine the impact of the Purse Dedication Account on the racing industry in the State; and
3 4 5	(2) make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the continuation of the Purse Dedication Account and the amount of money distributed to the Purse Dedication Account.
6	9–1A–29.
7 8	(a) There is a Racetrack Facility Renewal Account under the authority of the State Racing Commission.
9 10	(b) (1) The Account shall receive money as required under $\S 9-1A-27$ of this subtitle.
11 12	(2) Money in the Account shall be invested and reinvested by the Treasurer and interest and earnings shall accrue to the Account.
13	(3) The Comptroller shall:
14	(i) account for the Account; and
15 16 17	(ii) on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the State Racing Commission, issue a warrant to pay out money from the Account in the manner provided under this section.
18 19	(4) The Account is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
20 21 22	(5) Expenditures from the Account shall only be made on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the State Racing Commission as provided under subsection (c) of this section.
23 24	(c) Funds from the Account shall be used to provide a grant to the holder of a license to hold a race meeting in the State for:
25	(1) racetrack facility capital construction and improvements; AND
26 27 28 29 30	(2) FOR LAUREL PARK AND PIMLICO RACE COURSE, OPERATING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT A MINIMUM OF 146 ANNUAL LIVE RACING DAYS IN CALENDAR YEARS 2012, 2013, AND 2014, UNLESS THE RACING LICENSEE IS PREVENTED BY WEATHER, ACTS OF GOD, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE RACING LICENSEE'S CONTROL.

1 2 3	(d) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE amount of funds made available from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account shall be allocated as follows:
4 5	(1) 80% to the Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park, and the racecourse at Timonium; and
6	(2) 20% to Rosecroft Raceway and Ocean Downs Race Course.
7 8 9	(E) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012, THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:
10 11	(1) 80% TO THE PIMLICO RACE COURSE, LAUREL PARK, AND THE RACECOURSE AT TIMONIUM:
12 13	(I) MINUS 20% OF THE AMOUNT CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT IN FISCAL YEAR 2011; AND
14 15 16 17 18	(II) MINUS THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO REPAY FUNDS TO THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16 OF CHAPTER (S.B. 87/H.B. 72) OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SESSION OF 2011 (THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2011); AND
19 20 21	(2) 20% TO ROSECROFT RACEWAY AND OCEAN DOWNS RACE COURSE, PLUS 20% OF THE AMOUNT CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT IN FISCAL YEAR 2011.
22 23	[(e)] (F) In order to obtain a CAPITAL grant, a holder of a license to hold a race meeting in the State shall:
24 25	(1) submit a capital construction plan to be implemented within a specified time frame to the State Racing Commission for approval; and
26 27	(2) except as provided in subsection <b>[</b> (f) <b>] (G)</b> of this section, provide and expend a matching fund.
28 29 30 31 32	[(f)] (G) (1) Of the amount provided from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account under subsection (d)(1) of this section, [\$1,000,000 shall be provided annually for 5 years to the racecourse at Timonium] THE RACECOURSE AT TIMONIUM SHALL BE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS for racetrack facility capital construction and improvements:

1	(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013, \$1,250,000;
2	(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014, \$1,125,000;
3	(IV) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, \$1,000,000; AND
4	(V) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016, \$1,000,000.
5 6	(2) A matching fund is not required for the amount provided for the racecourse at Timonium under paragraph (1) of this subsection.
7 8 9 10	[(g)] (H) Of the amount provided from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account under subsection (d)(1) of this section, the State Racing Commission may provide direct grant funding for the establishment of a horse racing museum as part of the Pimlico Race Course.
11 12	[(h)] (I) After a CAPITAL grant has been provided under this section, the State Racing Commission shall:
13 14	(1) in consultation with the Department of General Services, monitor the implementation of the approved capital construction plan; and
15 16 17	(2) make provisions for recapture of grant moneys if the capital construction plan is not implemented within the time frame approved by the State Racing Commission.
18 19 20 21 22 23	(J) (1) TO OBTAIN OPERATING ASSISTANCE UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION, A HOLDER OF A RACING LICENSE TO RACE AT PIMLICO RACE COURSE OR LAUREL PARK MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE RACING LICENSEE TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL LIVE RACING SCHEDULE.
24 25	(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE RACING LICENSEE'S APPLICATION SHALL:
26 27 28 29	(I) INCLUDE A 12-MONTH BUSINESS PLAN THAT SETS FORTH THE INCOME- AND EXPENSE-RELATED ITEMS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT A LIVE RACING SCHEDULE OF AT LEAST THE NUMBER OF LIVE RACING DAYS THAT WAS STATED IN THE APPLICATION; AND
30 31	(II) BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.

1	(3) ON THE COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION
2	BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, THE SECRETARY MAY AUTHORIZE THE
3	REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES BY THE RACING LICENSEE THAT ARE
4	NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL LIVE RACING SCHEDULE.

- 5 (4) ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RACING LICENSEE'S 6 APPLICATION SHALL BE PAID BY THE RACING LICENSEE.
- 7 (5) IN SUPPORT OF THE RACING LICENSEE'S APPLICATION AND REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE RACING LICENSEE SHALL PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY:
- 10 (I) MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY 11 THE SECRETARY, IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY; AND
- 12 (II) AN ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
- 13 (6) A RACING LICENSEE MAY NOT RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER
  14 THIS SECTION WHILE THE RACING LICENSEE IS A PARTY TO A PROCEEDING
  15 CHALLENGING THE ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION
  16 LICENSE.
- [(i)] (K) Any unencumbered funds remaining in the Racetrack Facility
  Renewal Account on July 1, 2018, shall be paid to the Education Trust Fund
  established under § 9–1A–30 of this subtitle.
- [(j)] (L) The State Racing Commission shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection, including regulations to address minimum criteria for the types of improvements to be made by the holder of a license.
- [(k)] (M) The provisions of this section may not be construed to apply to the racecourse in Allegany County.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.