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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Standardbred Racing – Purse Dedication Account – Operating Assistance to**
3 **Rosecroft Raceway**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain requirements concerning the rehiring of certain
5 workers and the recognition of certain collective bargaining agreements that a holder
6 of a racing license at Rosecroft Raceway must meet to obtain operating assistance
7 from the Purse Dedication Account; and generally relating to standardbred racing
8 and the Purse Dedication Account.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 9–1A–28(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2014 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – State Government
16 Section 9–1A–28(h)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – State Government**

22 9–1A–28.

23 (a) There is a Purse Dedication Account under the authority of the State Racing
24 Commission.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (h) (1) To obtain operating assistance under this section,[:

2 (i) a holder of a racing license to race at Ocean Downs Race Course
3 or Rosecroft Raceway may apply to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for
4 the reimbursement of expenditures made by the racing licensee to conduct the annual live
5 racing schedule]; and

6 (ii) a holder of a racing license to race at Rosecroft Raceway shall:

7 1. agree to rehire workers employed at the facility prior to
8 the end of live racing on June 27, 2008; and

9 2. recognize collective bargaining agreements that were in
10 place as of June 1, 2008].

11 (2) (i) On the completion of the review of the application by a certified
12 public accountant, the Secretary may authorize the reimbursement of expenditures by the
13 racing licensee that are necessary to conduct the annual live racing schedule.

14 (ii) Expenditures eligible for reimbursement under subparagraph (i)
15 of this paragraph shall include the ordinary and reasonable costs of conducting the race
16 meetings, pari-mutuel wagering, and stabling activities of the racing licensee, net of
17 ordinary income and receipts.

18 (iii) The reimbursement calculation under subparagraph (ii) of this
19 paragraph may not include:

20 1. extraordinary income and expense-related items,
21 including extraordinary litigation expenses;

22 2. lobbying fees;

23 3. capital investments, including predevelopment costs; or

24 4. prior year adjustments and claims.

25 (3) All costs associated with the racing licensee's application shall be paid
26 by the racing licensee.

27 (4) In support of the racing licensee's application and request for
28 reimbursement submitted under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the racing licensee shall
29 provide to the Secretary:

30 (i) monthly financial information requested by the Secretary, in a
31 form satisfactory to the Secretary; and

32 (ii) an annual audited financial statement.

1 (5) A racing licensee may not receive assistance under this section while
2 the racing licensee is a party to a proceeding challenging the issuance or denial of a video
3 lottery operation license.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2015.