

SENATE BILL 929

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By: **Senators King and Miller**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminal Revenues – Standardbred Owners and Trainers –**
3 **Benefit Programs**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the organization that represents a majority of the
5 standardbred owners and trainers in the State to apply to the Secretary of Labor,
6 Licensing, and Regulation for the reimbursement of certain expenditures not to
7 exceed a certain amount; providing that the reimbursement amount be deducted
8 from the Purse Dedication Account funded by video lottery terminal revenues;
9 specifying certain programs for which reimbursement is allowable; prohibiting the
10 reimbursement calculation from including certain items; requiring the organization
11 to provide certain information to the Secretary; and generally relating to video
12 lottery terminal revenues and standardbred owners and trainers.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – State Government
15 Section 9–1A–28.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – State Government**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **9-1A-28.1.**

2 (A) (1) THE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE
3 STANDARD BRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS IN THE STATE MAY APPLY TO THE
4 SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT
5 OF EXPENDITURES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (2) FROM THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE PURSE DEDICATION
7 ACCOUNT UNDER § 9-1A-28(E)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
8 2% MAY BE ALLOCATED FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES REQUESTED
9 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (B) EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION
11 (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDE THE ORDINARY AND REASONABLE COSTS OF
12 ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS FOR
13 STANDARD BRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS:

14 (1) COUNSELING PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS ISSUES SUCH AS DRUG
15 ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, MARITAL PROBLEMS, AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS;

16 (2) PREVENTIVE CARE PROGRAMS SUCH AS HEALTH FAIRS,
17 MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS, AND FLU VACCINATION CLINICS;

18 (3) GROUP HEALTH, LIFE, AND ON-TRACK DRIVERS' INSURANCE
19 PLANS; AND

20 (4) RETIREMENT PROGRAMS.

21 (C) THE REIMBURSEMENT CALCULATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
22 SECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE:

23 (1) EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENSE-RELATED ITEMS,
24 INCLUDING EXTRAORDINARY LITIGATION EXPENSES;

25 (2) LOBBYING FEES;

26 (3) CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING PREDEVELOPMENT COSTS;

27 OR

28 (4) PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS AND CLAIMS.

1 **(D) IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION AND A REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT**
2 **SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL**
3 **PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION:**

4 **(1) MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE**
5 **SECRETARY, IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY; AND**

6 **(2) AN ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
8 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.