

Chapter 213

(Senate Bill 929)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

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

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

Article – State Government**9–1A–28.1.**

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OPEN PURSE” MEANS ANY PURSE, EXCEPT FOR ONE OFFERED IN A RACE FUNDED BY THE MARYLAND STANDARDBRED RACE FUND.

(1) THE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE STANDARDBRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS IN THE STATE MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES LISTED IN SUBSECTION ~~(B)~~ (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) FROM THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT UNDER § 9–1A–28(E)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 2% MAY BE ALLOCATED THE SECRETARY MAY ALLOCATE TO THE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE STANDARDBRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS IN

THE STATE AN AMOUNT FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES REQUESTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ OF THIS SECTION.

(3) THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT AGREED ON UNDER A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH TRACK LICENSEES, MAY NOT EXCEED 2% OF ALL OPEN PURSES.

~~(B)~~ **(C)** EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ **(B)** OF THIS SECTION INCLUDE THE ORDINARY AND REASONABLE COSTS OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS FOR STANDARDBRED OWNERS AND TRAINERS:

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

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

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

(4) RETIREMENT PROGRAMS.

~~(C)~~ **(D)** THE REIMBURSEMENT CALCULATION UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(B)~~ **(C)** OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE:

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

(2) LOBBYING FEES;

(3) CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING PREDEVELOPMENT COSTS;
OR

(4) PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS AND CLAIMS.

~~(D)~~ **(E)** IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION AND A REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ **(B)** OF THIS SECTION, THE ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE SECRETARY:

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

~~(2) AN ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.~~

(1) AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT UNDER OATH FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR OF RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES AND OF ALL DISBURSEMENTS, INCLUDING SALARIES OF ALL OFFICERS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND LOBBYING EXPENSES; AND

(2) A CERTIFIED AUDIT BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.