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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 606
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Bowie” in line 2 down through “Condemnation” in line 3 and substitute “Racetrack Facility Renewal Account – Eligibility and Capital Expenditures”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 4 down through “procedure” in line 9 and substitute “altering certain conditions of eligibility for funding from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account by specifying certain minimum amounts to be spent on capital maintenance and expenditures by certain race tracks; authorizing the Maryland Racing Commission to grant certain funding for the Bowie Race Course Training Center from the Account under certain conditions; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act”; strike beginning with the first “the” in line 10 down through “Center” in line 11 and substitute “horse racing and the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account”; and strike in their entirety lines 17 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 9-1A-09(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 9-1A-09(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 4 on page 2 through line 14 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article – State Government

9–1A–09.

(a) In this section, “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.

(b) As a condition of eligibility for funding under § 9–1A–29 of this subtitle, a racing licensee shall:

(1) (i) for Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course, conduct a minimum of 220 annual live racing days combined between Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course unless otherwise agreed to by the racing licensee and the organization that represents the majority of licensed thoroughbred 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;

(ii) for Rosecroft Raceway, conduct a minimum of 90 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; and

(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;

(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

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copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade names, and horse racing events that are associated with the Preakness Stakes and the Woodlawn Vase;

(3) if the racing licensee holds the racing license for the Pimlico Race Course, promote and conduct the Preakness Stakes each year at:

(i) the Pimlico Race Course; or

(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;

(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:

(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

(ii) the racing licensee and the Maryland Million LLC agree to another location that is approved by the State Racing Commission;

(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

(ii) a master plan for capital improvements that reflects, at a minimum:

1. commitments that have been made to the State Racing Commission; and

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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) of this subtitle]; [and]

(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; AND

(7) FOR EACH YEAR THAT FUNDING IS REQUESTED, SPEND AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM AMOUNTS FOR CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE AMOUNTS PROVIDED AS A MATCHING FUND AS REQUIRED UNDER § 9-1A-29(E)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE:

(I) FOR LAUREL PARK AND PIMLICO RACE COURSE, A COMBINED TOTAL OF \$1,500,000;

(II) FOR ROSECROFT RACEWAY, \$300,000; AND

(III) FOR OCEAN DOWNS RACETRACK, \$300,000.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 15 and 16 and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of § 9-1A-29 of the State Government Article, the Maryland Racing Commission may grant a one-time request for capital improvement funds not to exceed \$150,000 from the funds available in the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account under § 9-1A-29(d)(1) of the State Government Article for a capital improvement project at the Bowie Race Course Training Center, provided that:

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(1) the project relates to the security, maintenance, and upkeep of the Center; and

(2) the owner of the Center provides a matching fund that consists of expenditures made by the owner on or after April 1, 2017, for the project for which funding is requested.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.