## SENATE BILL 919

C6, C7 1lr3026 CF HB 1259 By: Senator Gallion Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021 Assigned to: Budget and Taxation Committee Report: Favorable with amendments Senate action: Adopted Read second time: February 28, 2021 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Horse Racing - Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area FOR the purpose of repealing certain requirements relating to racing at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area; altering the amount of money that is to be credited to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the annual budget bill for certain fiscal years; requiring the money appropriated to the Fund to be spent in a certain manner; and generally relating to racing at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Business Regulation Section 11-702 and 11-704 Annotated Code of Maryland (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Natural Resources Section 5–908 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

## Article - Business Regulation

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

## EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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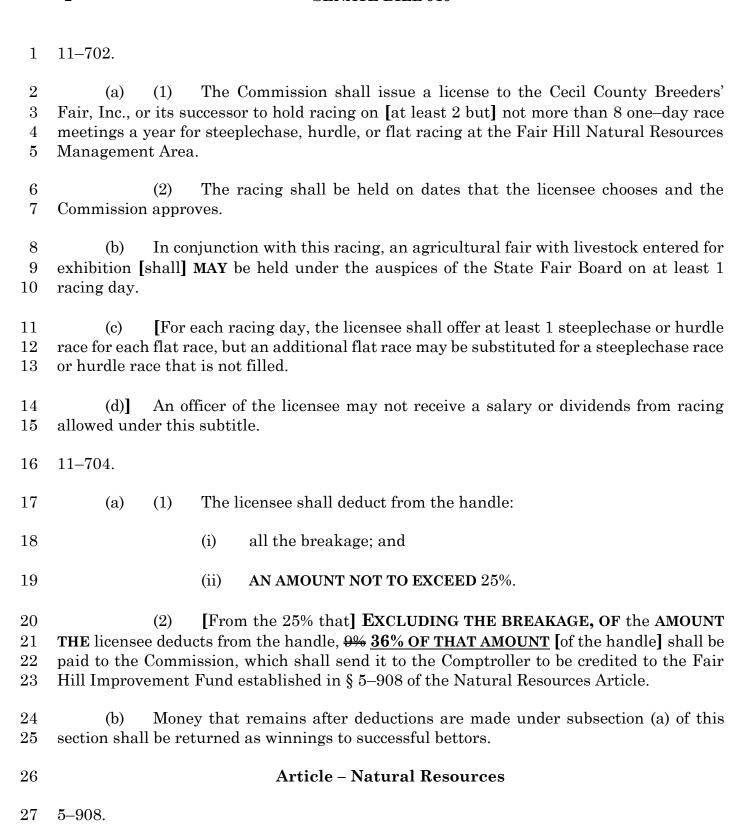
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.





28 (a) In this section, "Fund" means the Fair Hill Improvement Fund.

- 1 (b) There is a Fair Hill Improvement Fund in the Department, to be used for the 2 operation, maintenance, development, and improvement of the Fair Hill facilities at Fair 3 Hill, Maryland.
- 4 (c) Any money obtained by the Department from Fair Hill shall be credited to the 5 Fund.
- 6 (d) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of 7 the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- 8 (2) Any investment earnings of the Fund may not be transferred or revert 9 to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund.
- 10 (3) Money in the Fund may be used for administrative costs calculated in accordance with 1-103(b)(2) of this article.
- 12 **(E)** FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2027, THE THE GOVERNOR
  13 SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND OF:
- 15 (1) \$1,800,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND
- 16 **(2)** \$1,300,000 FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2027.
- 17 **(F)** (1) THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND UNDER SUBSECTION 18 (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AS FOLLOWS:
- 19 (I) \$1,300,000 FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
  20 THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE SPECIAL EVENT AREA OF THE FAIR
  21 HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA; AND
- 22 (II) \$500,000 TO SUPPORT THE FIVE-STAR EQUESTRIAN EVENT
  23 AT FAIR HILL, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF A GRANT TO THE ORGANIZERS OF THE
  24 EVENT TO COVER STARTUP COSTS, PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES, EVENT COSTS, PRIOR
  25 YEAR EVENT EXPENSES, AND OTHER EXPENSES.
- 26 (2) THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND UNDER SUBSECTION
  27 (E) (E)(2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE OPERATION AND
  28 MAINTENANCE OF THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE SPECIAL EVENT
  29 AREA OF THE FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA.
- 30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 31  $\,$  1, 2021.