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Senate Bill 453

(Senator Jennings)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

Horse Racing - Laurel Park - Arabian Breed Racing Authorization

This emergency bill authorizes a licensee at Laurel Park to conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under specified conditions.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A licensee at Pimlico Race Course may conduct live racing of Arabian breed horses under specified conditions, including the approval of the State Racing Commission.

An Arabian breed horse is a horse that (1) is a purebred Arabian breed horse and (2) has a valid certificate of registry with the Arabian Jockey Club of America.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 911 (Delegate McCaskill, *et al.*) - Appropriations.

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