

BY: Finance Committee

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 557

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

At the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; in line 2, strike "Harness"; in line 3, after "holding" insert "live"; in line 4, after "prohibition;" insert "altering a certain restriction on holding racing after a certain time by a thoroughbred racing licensee; making this Act an emergency measure;"; and after line 5, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 11-504(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

After line 18, insert:

"11-504.

(a) A licensee may not hold racing after 6:15 p.m. unless:

(1) circumstances beyond the control of the licensee cause a delay; [or]

(2) the racing day is of national prominence; OR

(3) THE RACING CONSISTS OF BETTING ON RACES HELD AT AN OUT-OF-STATE TRACK, AND THE RACING IS:

(I) AUTHORIZED UNDER § 11-804 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(Over)

(II) APPROVED BY THE HARNESS TRACK LICENSEE WHOSE TRACK IS CLOSEST TO THE LICENSEE'S TRACK, THE GROUP THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE OWNERS AND TRAINERS WHO RACE HORSES AT THAT HARNESS TRACK, AND THE GROUP THAT REPRESENTS A MAJORITY OF THE HARNESS BREEDERS IN THIS STATE."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In line 23, after "HOLD" insert "LIVE".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In lines 25 and 26, strike "shall take effect October 1, 1997" and substitute "is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted".