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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Comptroller - Annual Grants - Great Pocomoke Fair**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller to pay, from a certain special fund, an  
4 annual grant not to exceed a certain amount to the Great Pocomoke Fair, Inc. to  
5 support exhibition harness racing with money for new stalls, track maintenance, and  
6 purses; ~~making a certain technical correction~~; and generally relating to annual  
7 grants awarded to certain persons by the Comptroller.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article - Business Regulation

10 Section 11-103

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article - Business Regulation

15 Section ~~11-103~~ and 11-403(a)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1 **Article - Business Regulation**

2 11-103.

3 Unless pari-mutuel betting is held, this title does not apply to:

- 4 (1) the Elkridge-Harford Point to Point;
- 5 (2) the Grand National;
- 6 (3) the Marlboro Trials;
- 7 (4) the Maryland Hunt Cup;
- 8 (5) the Potomac Trials;
- 9 (6) a race at the Cape Pine Farm in Church Hill, Queen Anne's County;
- 10 (7) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 11-403(A)(6) OF THIS TITLE,~~ a race held by
- 11 the Great Pocomoke Fair, Inc. on any day during and in conjunction with the Great
- 12 Pocomoke Fair; and
- 13 (8) any other steeplechase or hunt-type race.

14 11-403.

15 (a) The Comptroller shall pay from the Special Fund an annual grant of:

- 16 (1) \$600,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board to promote State and
- 17 county agricultural fairs and exhibits;
- 18 (2) \$100,000 to Prince George's County to replace money formerly received
- 19 from the admissions and amusement tax;
- 20 (3) \$40,000 to the Great Frederick Fair to support exhibition harness racing
- 21 with money for construction and maintenance of new stalls, track maintenance, and
- 22 purses;
- 23 (4) \$50 to the City of Bowie for each day that the training facilities are open
- 24 at the Bowie Race Course Training Center; [and]
- 25 (5) \$75,000 to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc., to
- 26 promote and enhance statewide agricultural education; AND
- 27 (6) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 1998 AND
- 28 \$20,000 IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER TO THE GREAT POCOMOKE FAIR, INC. TO
- 29 SUPPORT EXHIBITION HARNESS RACING WITH MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND
- 30 MAINTENANCE OF NEW STALLS, TRACK MAINTENANCE, AND PURSES.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

32 October 1, 1997.

