

CF HB 227

By: Senators Lawlah and Currie

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Racing - Simulcasting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain tracks that hold pari-mutuel betting on certain
4 simulcast races from out-of-state tracks to agree to receive any simulcast races that
5 any in-state sending track asks to transmit during certain periods; repealing a
6 certain requirement for approval by the Racing Commission; clarifying that there is
7 no limit on the number or types of races that may be simulcast from out-of-state
8 tracks; and generally relating to pari-mutuel betting on simulcast races.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Business Regulation
11 Section 11-804
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Business Regulation**

17 11-804.

18 (a) The intent of this section is similar to that of the Interstate Horseracing Act of
19 1978, 15 U.S.C. §§ 3001 through 3007.

20 (b) (1) [If the Commission approves] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
21 SUBSECTION, a licensee may contract to hold pari-mutuel betting on a race that is held
22 at an out-of-state track where betting on racing is lawful, WITHOUT ANY LIMIT ON THE
23 NUMBER OF RACES OR TYPES OF RACES.

24 (2) A RECEIVING TRACK THAT HOLDS PARI-MUTUEL BETTING ON A
25 RACE THAT IS HELD AT AN OUT-OF-STATE TRACK UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
26 ALSO AGREE TO RECEIVE ANY SIMULCAST RACES THAT ANY IN-STATE SENDING
27 TRACK ASKS TO TRANSMIT TO THE RECEIVING TRACK DURING THE PERIOD OF THE
28 DAY THAT THE RECEIVING TRACK IS HOLDING PARI-MUTUEL BETTING ON
29 OUT-OF-STATE RACES.

30 (c) Pari-mutuel betting under this section may only occur:

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1 (1) on a racing day when the Commission has authorized the licensee to
2 hold racing; and

3 (2) (i) at the track of the licensee;

4 (ii) at any track where pari-mutuel betting on races on the racing
5 program of the licensee for that day is authorized; or

6 (iii) at a satellite simulcast facility.

7 (d) (1) The breakage and takeout for pari-mutuel betting under this section
8 shall be computed in the way normally applicable to pari-mutuel betting on racing the
9 licensee holds.

10 (2) From the takeout the licensee shall deduct:

11 (i) the State tax on all mutuel pools;

12 (ii) the amount to be paid under the contract to the out-of-state track;

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14 (iii) the cost of transmission.

15 (3) The licensee shall then allocate the rest of the takeout in the way
16 applicable to the racing that the licensee holds.

17 (e) A contract with an out-of-state track under this section is subject to the
18 approval of the group that represents a majority of the owners and trainers who race
19 horses at that track and the group that represents a majority of the applicable breeders in
20 this State.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 1997.