
By: Senators Lawlah and Currie

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Simulcast Harness Racing - Ocean Downs - Live Racing Days**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the minimum number of live racing days that must be
4 conducted at Ocean Downs harness racing track for Ocean Downs to qualify as a
5 receiving track for simulcast racing purposes.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Business Regulation
8 Section 11-101(p)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Business Regulation
13 Section 11-811(e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Business Regulation**

19 11-101.

20 (p) "Receiving track" means a track where pari-mutuel betting is done on races
21 held at another track.

22 11-811.

23 (e) (1) Laurel Race Course, a track where racing is conducted by the State Fair
24 Society, or Rosecroft Raceway may be a receiving track only if live racing was held there
25 in the previous calendar year on at least 75% of the racing days available to it.

26 (2) [Delmarva] OCEAN Downs may be a receiving track only if at least
27 [65] 40 days of live racing were held there in the previous calendar year.

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1 (3) Pimlico Race Course may be a receiving track only if at least 90 days of
2 live racing were held there in the previous calendar year.

3 (4) The Commission may waive a requirement of this subsection if the
4 receiving track could not meet the requirement because of:

5 (i) an act of God; or

6 (ii) what the Commission finds to be an emergency.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 June 1, 1997.